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Major facing grassroots revolt on VAT

By Philip Webster, Nicholas Wood and Arthur Leathley

■ As opposition mounts to VAT on fuel bills, the government faces an internal row over plans to limit the number of Young Conservatives at party conference

JOHN Major and Kenneth Clarke were last night facing a Conservative party revolt against their decision, already approved by Parliament, to impose value-added tax on fuel from April 1.

A tidal wave of opposition to the plans from party workers and officials across the country has been revealed in motions sent to Conservative Central Office in advance of next month's party conference.

An internal dispute was also brewing yesterday over plans, due to be unveiled next week, to cut substantially the number of Young Conservatives allowed at the party conference. In a streamlining operation fuelled by irritation over the persistent in-fighting among young members, party chiefs are to discuss a report proposing that conference



Fowler: "unmistakable" indications of recovery

seats for Young Conservatives be cut from 1,200 to 200.

The level of resentment disclosed in the conference agenda, published last night without the customary press conference, could mean that Mr Clarke, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, will have to think again about bringing in the second stage of the VAT programme, a course of action he rejected only two days ago. The knowledge that they have such firm grassroots backing will, however, encourage senior Tory MPs as they try to persuade the Chancellor to modify the plans to levy VAT on fuel bills at 8 per cent from April, rising to 17.5 per cent the following year. The proposals are expected to raise £3 billion.

About 30 separate motions call on the government either to scrap the proposals altogether, to amend them, or to bring forward the most generous possible compensation plan. Proposals to help pensioners and families with young children are being drawn up by Peter Lilley, the social security secretary. Party workers seem to doubt that the government can find a way to help the many pensioners on small fixed incomes just above the poverty line, a group that deserted the Tories at the Christchurch and Newbury by-elections.

The agenda reveals divisions over the Budget options facing Mr Clarke. While a third of the motions on the economy call for action to cut the £50 billion budget deficit, the majority prefer deeper spending cuts to increased taxation as the means of achieving it. The cabinet right will be boosted by the apparent level of popular support for their stance, although a handful of constituencies favour higher taxation.

As expected, Tory activists expressed by far the greatest concern over law and order. The high number of motions criticising party organisation, finances and presentation, and demanding party unity and firmer leadership, also confirm that the prime minister and his colleagues will face a difficult conference.

In an appeal underlining rank-and-file dissatisfaction with the government's performance, party members in Rochdale urge ministers to get their act together before they reach the point of no return. Keighley voices concern at "the apparent lack of any clear direction and leadership from the government".

Sir Norman Fowler, the party chairman, said last night that the huge interest in law and order showed that Mr Major had been right to make it the government's top priority in the coming year. About 244 motions call variously for tougher measures against persistent young offenders, the return of the death penalty for murder and terrorism, stricter sentencing policy guidelines for judges, a return to traditional moral values, and performance targets for the police.

Sir Norman said the conference would be held at the end of a tough 12 months, but he added that there were unmistakable signs of economic and political recovery. The conference would, he said, give the Tories the chance to regain the political initiative and "to re-establish our reputation for *unity of purpose*".

His statement made no mention of the VAT controversy, clearly the most serious policy hurdle facing ministers as they prepare for Blackpool.

The motion from the Tottenham constituency association reflects the general mood. It says: "This conference, while recognising the need to attain revenue targets, calls on the Chancellor to scrap the proposal to impose VAT on domestic fuel." The Sunderland party says: "This conference is opposed to the extension of VAT to essential items and believes instead that a temporary surcharge on income tax would be a fairer and more effective way of increasing government revenue."

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Protest goes on over Rabin-Arafat deal



A shaikh from Jordan's Muslim Brotherhood denouncing the peace deal yesterday

Clinton to stage a peace spectacular

From Richard Beeston in Jerusalem and Martin Fletcher in Washington

YITZHAK Rabin, the Israeli prime minister, yesterday made peace with his foremost Arab enemy when he recognised the Palestine Liberation Organisation and predicted that Arabs and Jews would be able to share the same land for the first time in decades of conflict.

In a brief but momentous ceremony at his Jerusalem office, the veteran Israeli leader and former war hero signed a letter formally recognising Yassir Arafat after the Palestinian leader recognised Israel and renounced violence.

Last night the White House was preparing a "huge" ceremony in Washington on Monday to witness Israel and the PLO signing their historic peace accord. Shortly after President Clinton's announcement, American diplomats met Hakam Balawi, the PLO's ambassador in Tunis, formally to invite a PLO delegation to the ceremony.

Mr Clinton said he would have no objection if Mr Arafat came in person, but it appeared more likely that the outline accord would be signed by Shimon Peres, the Israeli foreign minister, and Mahmoud Abbas, head of the PLO's political department, who was involved in the secret negotiations.

Sources said the PLO had tried to persuade Washington to press for Mr Rabin to attend so that Mr Arafat could also come, but without success. In the eyes of the American public, Mr Arafat's

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Somali gunmen kill 4 newsmen



■ *Watching Mogadishu's agony of tribal feuding. Sam Kiley came under fire. Four members of a CNN television crew were killed*

THE insane violence that has *returned to Mogadishu* claimed dozens more victims yesterday. I might have been one of them.

As I watched with other journalists from the roof of the Sahafi hotel in the city centre, more rubble than real estate, two shots were aimed at me. I heard the bullets thwack into the low parapet I hid behind. But an Italian colleague saw them hit close to my head.

Four other newsmen, Somalis working for Cable News Network, the American agency, were not so fortunate. They were killed in a fearsome recurrence of the civil war between local warlords which brought the United Nations to Mogadishu. Malaysian UN troops looked on, powerless to act.

The CNN team died when they were attacked by members of the Hawadle clan, which recently ended its alliance with Muhammad Farrah Aidid, the warlord with a $25,000 (£16,600) United Nations price on his head. Members of General Aidid's Habre Gedir clan, they died in a ten-minute skirmish. Their car was looted.

Soon relatives of those killed returned with reinforcements and heavier weapons. In trying to retrieve the bodies of their friends, the Habre Gedir showed almost total disregard for their enemies, rushing towards the corpses, firing from the hip as machinegun bullets sent up jets of sand around them.

One Habre Gedir gunman, running along a bridge was shot in the leg. But he vaulted a wall, continued to fire his own weapon, and directed the aim of his comrades.

Typically, the fighters showed no regard for the civilians around them. One young girl was shot in the stomach as she rushed to pack up and flee her tea stand.

Fighting around the hotel raged for five hours under the noses of the large contingent of UN troops. Hiding behind their sandbagged walls, they had no chance to intervene as the warring factions exchanged machinegun fire and duelled with rocket-propelled grenades. Two American helicopters eventually opened fire on the militia with machineguns as they shot at journalists on the hotel roof.

The Malaysian troops were not alone in their impotence; 18,000 other UN troops have been unable to restore peace to Mogadishu since the arrest order was issued for General Aidid following the killing of 24 Pakistani soldiers in June.

Yesterday's fighting occurred as victims from a battle the night before continued to flood into the capital's hospitals. The International Committee of the Red Cross said about 120 people had been admitted to two hospitals following retaliation after Pakistani soldiers were ambushed on Thursday.

Witnesses said that at least 100 other Somalis, many of them women and children, had been killed by Pakistani and American helicopter gunners. At the Benadir hospital, tramlines of blood marked the concrete floor where bodies had been dragged away. A nurse said relatives had brought in 35 bodies; they were told to take them away for burial.

Digfer hospital was another bedlam of screams and bleeding victims of the fighting between the UN and General Aidid's militia. Many said they had been wounded far from the scene by tank shells.

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Banks in £1bn rescue for Canary Wharf

By Patricia Tehan
Banking Correspondent

CANARY Wharf, the troubled office and retail development in London's Docklands, is to come out of administration by the end of next month after agreeing a £1.1 billion rescue package with its consortium of banks.

The deal will leave ten banks, led by Lloyds, in control of the project. They are to establish a new holding company named Sylvester Investments, after the cartoon cat that never managed to catch Tweety, the little canary.

The deal means the £1.8bn Underground extension, considered vital to the success of Canary Wharf as a London business centre, appears certain to be built. After months of fraught negotiations, John MacGregor, the transport secretary, said that arrangements for the private sector contribution to the cost of the nine-mile link from Green Park to Stratford had been arranged.

Under the agreement, the European Investment Bank will provide £98 million to fund the initial private sector contribution. A consortium of the secured lenders to the Olympia and York company is to pay a further £300 million over 24 years after the line has been completed.

The deal must first be approved by Canary Wharf's 1,400 unsecured creditors, mainly construction companies, at a meeting at the end of the month. If they approve, most will receive a maximum 15p in the pound dividend from the administrators.

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TV stations battle for 1m chess viewers

By Ian Murray

TELEVISION "warfare" has broken out over *The Times* World Chess Championship. In an aggressive defence of its exclusive rights to broadcast the championship, Channel 4 has made a determined move to evict BBC2 from the Savoy Theatre in London, where the match is being played.

The quarrel erupted during the second game on Thursday when the independent company found BBC commentaries broadcast from the theatre manager's office. Having exclusive television rights, Channel 4 considered only its camera crews should be allowed inside. The company was furious to find its main competitor in a special studio close to its own elaborate production gallery.

"We expressed our displeasure to the Savoy," Mike Miller, the channel's commissioning editor, said last night. "As far as we are concerned, the BBC are out of there . . . or there will be trouble."

The ferocity of the row owes much to the unexpectedly large TV audience for the championship. On Thursday almost a million people watched each of the three Channel 4 broadcasts. Mr Miller believed the audience might have been even bigger had the BBC not reshuffled its schedules to compete directly with one broadcast. "That they were using the theatre was the last straw," he said.

A BBC spokesman said: "We have a perfectly valid contract. All we are trying to do is provide a move-by-move analysis without pictures."

The Savoy management seemed bemused. "We don't see the problem," Roland Leigh, company secretary said. "The BBC wanted a perch, we didn't have a room available, so gave them space in the manager's office. They are not allowed to televise the game."

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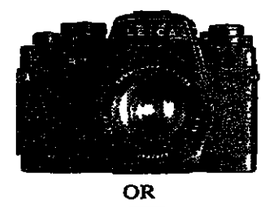
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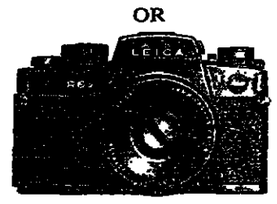
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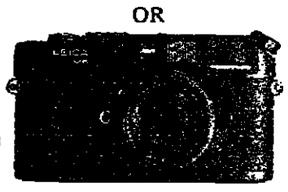
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Tory voters scarce as prime minister's roadshow heads north of the border

Balmoral combines menus and agendas

BY PHILIP WEBSTER
POLITICAL EDITOR

JOHN Major goes to Balmoral today for the prime minister's traditional weekend with the Queen. No communiqués will be issued — neither Buckingham Palace nor Downing Street discloses the contents of discussions.

Mr Major and his wife, Norma, will lunch with Sir Robert Fellowes, the Queen's private secretary, and dinner tonight with the Queen, the Duke of Edinburgh, the Prince of Wales and other guests. Tomorrow they will go to church at Crathie with the royal family and take tea at Birkhall with Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother.

It is now clear that at last year's gathering the seal was set on the most sweeping reform of the monarchy since the Queen's accession 40 years ago. The meeting paved the way for an announcement that the Queen was to pay income tax and support financially all but three members of her family. Whether they formally discussed the state of the marriage of the Prince and Princess of Wales — Mr Major was three months later to announce their separation — can only be speculated upon.

He was, however, reported to be deeply concerned at the undercurrent of resentment against some members of the family at the time.

Today the Queen and Mr Major will almost certainly run through preparations for next month's Commonwealth heads of government conference in Cyprus and discuss the likely legislative programme that the Queen will unveil at the next state opening of Parliament in November.

For the Queen, the Majors are a known quantity. Her guest next weekend, Paul Keating, the avowedly republican prime minister of Australia, may be less predictable.



John Major bangs the drum for the Tories in Pitlochry, Tayside, one of the Conservative party's few strongholds in Scotland

Major vows to stand firm on VAT

BY JONATHAN PRYNN
POLITICAL REPORTER

■ **Popularity ratings are meaningless, says the prime minister. His message to Scottish voters is that he is not for turning**

JOHN Major's roadshow to boost party morale moved north of the border yesterday, where he pledged that there would be no change to the policies that have reduced Tory popularity in Scotland to an all-time low.

It is the latest leg of the prime minister's tour, which has already taken him to the South West and North West of England. In the Tayside town of Pitlochry, Mr Major brushed aside recent polls that had shown the Conservatives slugging it out with the Liberal Democrats for fourth place in Scotland. "We've heard all this before," he said. "I'm probably the last person in the world to talk to about opinion polls. I don't have a great deal of faith in them.

"The fact is we are a long way from the next general election. We are coming out of a very difficult recession, but I think people can see we are through it."

He recognised there was concern over government policies such as VAT on fuel, but said unpopular decisions were sometimes necessary to achieve medium-term goals. Despite a warm reception in Tayside, a rare surviving Tory stronghold in Scotland, Mr Major was given a taste of his party's unpopularity north of the border earlier in the day at the Highlands and Islands Enterprise in Inverness, where he was met with boos and shouts from demonstrators protesting at VAT on fuel and privatisation of Scottish Water.

Mr Major, who is accompanied by his wife, Norma, Ian Lang, the Scottish secretary, and a large entourage of officials, was given a warmer welcome in Pitlochry, where the sheer number of tourists diluted any local hostility. After a visit to a woollen shop, the prime minister pressed the flesh of the quickly gathering crowd.

Rena Lumsden from Milnathort, Tayside, said there was still strong support for the government in that part of Scotland. "It is mostly Tory in Perthshire," she said. "It would take quite a lot to knock them down."

Three of the government's 11 Scottish seats are in this relatively wealthy area of the southern Highlands, giving the Tories a solid central core of support in an otherwise hostile land. However, even in this bluest of Scottish regions there are murmurings of discontent. Bill Walker, the Conservative MP for Tayside North, earlier this week criticised the government for being out of touch with Scottish problems.

But the prime minister was given little chance to discuss them on his next visit, the Glenturret Whisky Distillery near Crieff. The throng of tourists who cheered his arrival was dominated by a 62-strong party from Northern Ireland organised by a RUC welfare group which included the widows of terrorist victims. Mr Major also gladhanded tourists from Russia, America and Australia, but precious few Scottish Conservative voters.

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Complaint to OFT over Times

THE reduction in the cover price of *The Times* to 30p has been referred to the Office of Fair Trading by *The Independent*, although the OFT said yesterday that the reference was unnecessary. It said that the price reduction had been looked into "from the moment it was announced" last week.

The OFT said that it would consider *The Independent*'s submission before deciding whether to launch an investigation under the Competition Act.

The Independent claims that the price cut amounts to unfair competition. *The Times* said that *The Independent*'s move was "absurd".

In its submission to the OFT, *The Independent* claims that the 15p price cut is a case of "predatory pricing," which is banned under the Companies Act.

John Bryant, deputy editor of *The Times*, said: "It is absurd that any newspaper should ask the Office of Fair Trading to raise the price of another newspaper, particularly at a time when all the qualities have been losing circulation."

The Times said yesterday that its circulation had risen by about 20 per cent since the price reduction on Monday. Circulation managers at *The Independent* and *The Daily Telegraph* believe the rise is about 30 per cent.

Robert Thompson, deputy circulation manager of *The Times*, said the paper had taken readers mainly from *The Independent* and *The Daily Telegraph*. However, the rise at *The Times* was greater than could be accounted for by changes in other circulations, suggesting that the price cut had expanded the total market for quality newspapers.

Asian parents lose test case over places at best schools

BY BEN PRESTON, EDUCATION CORRESPONDENT

ASIAN parents lost a test case yesterday when the High Court rejected claims that their children were being systematically excluded from the best secondary schools in Bradford.

Mr Justice Jowitt cleared the city council of racial discrimination and upheld its policy of drawing catchment areas that skirted oversubscribed schools to avoid overcrowding.

Families from the predominantly Asian district of Manningham who failed to get their children into popular schools alleged they were offered places at a "sink school" with an appalling academic record.

Thirty parents led by Sikander Ali, who brought the action, claimed that the policy breached the Race Relations Act because the catchment areas of popular schools skirted the district where they lived. They refused to enrol their children this term, pending the outcome of the challenge seeking an order that Bradford comply with its duties under the Education Act to provide a choice of schools.

The judge said that Manningham children failed to secure places at oversubscribed schools not because of their race but because they lived in that district. The council could, to avoid overcrowding and provide efficient education, restrict allocations to "traditional" catchment areas that did not include Manningham. He rejected the argument that the concept of a traditional area was so nebulous as to be irrational.

The court was told that 31.4 per cent of Asian applicants in Manningham did not receive a place at a school of their choice, compared with 5.3 per cent of non-Asians elsewhere in Bradford. The judge said that the correct comparison was with non-Asians in Manningham, of whom 37.5 per cent failed in their choices. Racial prejudice was not proved, he said: "In fact, the imbalance is the other way."

The action was regarded as a test case both by the city council and the Asian community. Muslim groups were angered last month when the education department rejected an application by a north London primary school to become the first voluntary-aided Islamic school.

After the judgment, Adu Bashir, a spokesman for the parents, said that they were disappointed and would decide whether to appeal or to continue their boycott of alternative places. "We would hope that the LEA will feel able to continue to consider possible solutions to our problem," he said.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Treasury freezes new defence purchases

All new defence equipment procurement contracts have been frozen until the present public expenditure round has been completed, on the orders of the Treasury (Michael Evans writes). It is the first warning shot of an expected three-year squeeze.

After last year's spending round, which resulted in cuts in defence expenditure of more than £1 billion over three years, the ministry had hoped to be let off lightly this year. There was also concern that further cuts in equipment and manpower would damage the three services' capabilities and betray the government's promise two years ago to develop smaller but better equipped forces. Now there are fears that another list of cuts is to be imposed on the ministry. A number of equipment orders which had been expected in the last few weeks have failed to materialise.

Man burnt alive in car

A man burnt to death as he slept in a friend's car after a night out may have been the victim of a gangland vendetta. William Kerr, 21, died after friends left him to sleep in the back of the car in Ashton under Lyne, Greater Manchester, intending to drive him home later. A petrol cannister was found on the pavement. Police enquiries are continuing.

Homeless total falls

The number of homeless people is continuing to fall, according to local authority figures released yesterday. There were 139,850 homeless households in the year to the end of June, 3 per cent fewer than the previous year. It is the fourth quarter in succession that the total has fallen. The number in bed and breakfast accommodation fell by 41%.

Vendetta blamed for fire

The arsonist who destroyed a mobile building used for bible classes and hymn singing was an atheist who objected to young people learning about Christian values on a holiday camp, it was claimed yesterday. "It is someone who does not believe that is waging a vendetta against us," said a spokesman for the Hampshire Christian Trust.

Businesswoman robbed

Police are hunting four robbers who ambushed a businesswoman aged 68 as she drove home through west Newcastle upon Tyne. Two men attacked her car with crow bars, smashing all the windows before reaching in and taking her handbag and a bag with the day's takings from her business. They also took her car keys before escaping.

Threat to school milk

Millions of British school-children are threatened with loss of subsidised milk because of a budgetary crisis in the European Community. In 1992-3 Britain received £40 million under the scheme and would be worst hit by any cut in the subsidy, which covers three-quarters of the purchase price of the milk.

Race attack boy critical



Quaddus Ali, 17, left, the victim of a race attack in east London on Wednesday night, was still "critical but stable" on a life-support ventilator at the Royal London Hospital yesterday. Muhammed Haque, chairman of the Committee for Bangladeshis' Rights in the UK, is to call at 10 Downing Street today with supporters to protest against the inadequacy of state protection against racial attacks.

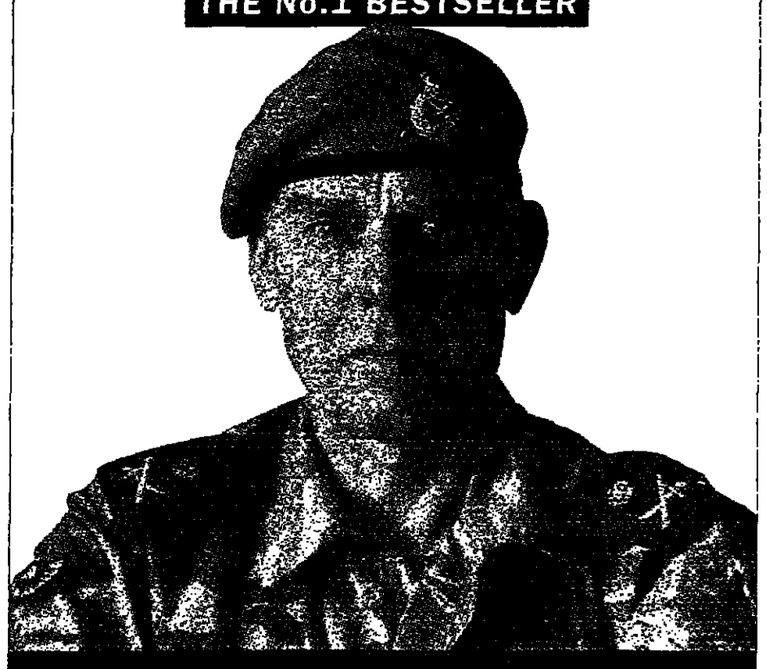
Killer extradited

A man convicted of killing his wife and who fled to the Irish Republic will be flown back to custody in Britain today. James Rudman, 40, was arrested in co. Kerry last month, one hour before he was due to gain his freedom because of a loophole in the law. Yesterday he withdrew his appeal against an extradition order.

Bosnia heroine returns

Sally Becker, the independent British aid worker, returns to Bosnia tomorrow, hoping to rescue more victims of fighting. Miss Becker, 33, a Jewish artist from Brighton, has already brought out 15 people from the Muslim-controlled sector of Mostar. Now she wants to rescue the fathers of two Muslim evacuees and a Jewish family. Leading article, page 17

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Woman sues school after bullies drove her to suicide bid

BY GILLIAN BOWDITCH, SCOTLAND CORRESPONDENT

A former schoolgirl's action against a Scottish education authority is believed to be the first of its kind in Britain

A WOMAN aged 19, who claims to have been so severely bullied at school that she attempted to commit suicide, is suing her education authority because she says it did nothing to prevent the attacks.

The action, which is being brought in the Court of Session, Scotland's highest civil court, is believed to be the first of its kind in Britain. The woman, who does not wish to be named, is claiming £30,000 compensation from Lothian Regional Council.

She alleges that staff at the Royal High School, Edinburgh, failed to protect her from the bullying campaign she had to endure. She says she was subjected to two degrading physical assaults of a sexual nature.

She was also nicknamed "Thunderthighs" by the gang of girls and boys who terrorised her. The bullying became so bad she took a drug overdose. After she recovered from her suicide attempt, she was forced to leave the school and enroll in another.

Eric Scott, her solicitor, said yesterday: "My client believes the school did nothing to prevent what was happening to her. As far as the school is concerned they don't have a bullying problem. But in many ways her life has been completely altered by these events. She still gets upset about what she went through. Much of it was degrading."

She arrived at the school in 1986 aged 11 and the bullying campaign began in 1988 when the gang taunted her about her weight, reducing her to tears. In one of the attacks that followed, it is claimed she was stripped to the waist in front of a group of boys. Obscene graffiti about her also appeared on school walls. After an attack on her birthday in September 1989, her parents decided enough was enough and took her out of the school. Eight months later, she enrolled at a private school, but she says she fell behind in her work as the curriculum was different. She claims she did not do as well in her examinations as she should have done, and that her job prospects were affected.

In the court action, which has taken two years to assemble, teaching staff are accused of negligence by failing in their duty to afford pupils the degree of care that would have been exercised by a reasonably careful parent.

A spokeswoman for Lothian Region said the matter was being handled by the council's insurance company. "Because of the case's legal nature, I'm afraid we cannot comment."

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Lorraine Robinson, who has sickle cell anaemia, was put on probation for three years by a judge at the Old Bailey yesterday after she admitted the manslaughter of her six-month-old baby by striking him on the head with a television remote control panel. Robinson, 27, from Battersea, south London became severely depressed because of her painful disease. She finally snapped and struck her son Tyrone, causing severe brain damage. Robinson must attend hospital for treatment and receive counselling to help her over her son's death.

First test of Aids vaccine gives hopeful results

FROM NIGEL HAWKES IN PARIS

LARGE-SCALE trials of a vaccine against Aids could begin in Britain within two years after promising results in preliminary tests on human volunteers.

Dr Stanley Plotkin, medical and scientific director of Pasteur Mérieux, a leading producer of vaccine, said yesterday that he was less pessimistic than many others about the prospects of an Aids vaccine.

"If we wanted to protect any prominent person against Aids, we could do it now," he said. "But it would be very expensive and would require repeated injections. We haven't anything available yet that is suitable for mass vaccination, but we have information that suggests strongly that we can induce protection against the Aids virus by means that are arduous and not yet adapted to widescale use."

Dr Plotkin, one of the world's leading vaccine experts, will deliver a paper at a conference at Imperial College in London on Monday. He said yesterday that preliminary discussions had been held with the Medical Research Council over vaccine trials in Britain because of the high standard of British clinical science.

Dr Plotkin's optimism, which contrasts with gloom expressed by many at the International Aids Conference in Berlin in June, is based on the first trials of a two-stage vaccine developed by Pasteur Merieux. The first injection consists of a genetically engineered version of a virus that causes a smallpox-like disease in canaries. The canarypox virus is harmless to man, and has been altered by introducing into it the gene for a protein that is found on the outside of the Aids virus HIV. That protein, called gp160, acts as a signal to prime the immune system against HIV.

The second injection consists of the gp160 protein alone. After that "we get a dramatic immune response", Dr Plotkin said.

First tests in healthy volunteers have shown that the vaccine has no ill effects and produces the kind of changes in the immune system needed to protect against infection by HIV. But many uncertainties remain. One is how long the effect will last, Dr Plotkin said. A second was whether people protected against infection themselves might nevertheless be able to infect others.

The Pasteur Mérieux team aims to have the vaccine ready for trials in 1955, which the US National Institutes of Health are anxious to organise. Some 3,000 to 10,000 people in high-risk groups throughout the world would be recruited for the trials. Other, simpler vaccines consisting solely of gp160 proteins have been produced and will be rivals for this trial, but Dr Plotkin said that in his opinion, those vaccines are unlikely to work.

If the trials fall flat, Dr Plotkin said, "we're in big trouble". The whole approach to preventing Aids would have to be rethought.

Sowerby Bridge grieves for a man's lost wife and child

BY PAUL WILKINSON

A TINY child's coffin borne by her grieving father epitomised the pain of the quiet Yorkshire mill town of Sowerby Bridge yesterday as its people buried the victims of Monday's lorry crash.

Hundreds of townsfolk, many unable to contain their distress, stood silently on the wet streets as the funeral cortèges drove by.

The town witnessed five funerals yesterday, but the most poignant was that of Karen Crossley, 2, who died with her mother Ann, 32, when a 20-tonne lorry ran out of control in the town centre, killing six people.

More than 300 mourners crammed into the 16th century hillside church of St Peter's for a brief service for the mother and daughter. They heard the Rev John Muir speak of how the disaster had occurred.

"Everyday folk were going about their business, then suddenly comes this terrible tragedy," he said. "We all need to remember that life can be very fragile ... we need to treasure it and remember it is very precious."

Many of the congregation, which included emergency service workers who had struggled to free the victims of the crash, had to stand at the rear of the church. More stood outside.

They were urged by the Rev Muir to support Karen's father, David Crossley, and her brother Kevin, 4, "not just now, while it is fresh in our minds, but in the coming days and beyond that. Nobody pretends the future is easy after a tragedy like this. We know it is going to be desperately hard for the family and those who know them."

There were no hymns, but readings from the Gospels of John and Mark. Among the tributes was a 2ft teddy bear in pink carnations and red roses.

Funerals were held for three other victims of the crash. Beryl Rose, 46, a mother of two, Angela Rooke, 28, a mother of three, and Peter Stott, 42, a BT engineer, all died when the motorway maintenance lorry rammed into Mr Stott's van and pushed it into a shop and two houses.

The funeral of Derek Waterworth, 63, the lorry driver, will take place next week in his home town of Bradford, West Yorkshire.

PC denies cell attack

BY A STAFF REPORTER

A POLICE constable yesterday denied at the Old Bailey attacking a prisoner who died from "horrific" injuries in a police station cell.

PC Paul Giles, who was said by Michael Mansfield QC, for the defence, to be the "centre of the case" in which Patrick Quinn, 53, was murdered at Hammersmith police station, rejected the suggestion.

"I did not attack or assault Mr Quinn in any way and I strenuously deny any allegations that are put to me in that way," PC Giles said. The officer, who was alleged to have a propensity and capacity for violence, arrested Mr Quinn, for drunkenness on Christmas eve, 1990. Later the same night Mr Quinn was found dead in a cell.

Mr Quinn's cell-mate, Malcolm Kennedy, who was arrested for drunkenness in a separate incident, was found guilty of murdering him, but the Court of Appeal quashed his conviction last January and ordered a retrial.



THE SUNDAY TIMES

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Smear-test nurse denies mistakes

BY JEREMY LAURANCE, HEALTH SERVICES CORRESPONDENT

THE nurse at the centre of a cervical smear-test scandal protested her innocence yesterday.

Ina Gordon, 61, a district nurse whose incorrect smear-taking technique led to the recall of 1,100 women for new tests, claimed that she was the victim of a fight for control of the GPs' surgery in Birmingham where she worked.

She said the "dreadful shock" of facing accusations of malpractice had "torn her apart", and she was to end her 23-year career as a state-enrolled nurse. Mrs Gordon, who now works at a nursing home, apologised to the women who need new tests.

She denied using the wrong instrument — a broad wooden spatula used to depress tongues instead of the spatula designed to scrape cells from inside the rim of the neck of the womb — and claimed she had carried out only 50 smear tests.

"I will never be able to return to nursing after this," she said. "It has had a profound effect on me. I feel bitter and angry that I am being held responsible for things I did not do."

Birmingham family health services authority sacked Ms Gordon last month and has reported her to the UK Central Council for Nursing, Midwifery and Health Visiting, the nurses' disciplinary body, after Dr Brad Satchwell, a locum GP, saw her using the wrong instrument.

The authority has also reported Dr Ashok Kumar, the GP who employed Ms Gordon, to the General Medical Council for failing to monitor her work. He has surgeries at Kitts Green, Birmingham, and Lea Village, Solihull.

Ms Gordon said: "If the allegations made by Dr Satchwell are true, why did he never tell me that what I was doing was wrong?"



Gordon: "Did not use wrong implement"

Smoker will take hospital to High Court

BY PAUL WILKINSON

A PATIENT refused cardiac surgery because he is a smoker plans legal action to force the hospital to carry out the operation. In what is thought to be a unique action, the 62-year-old man will seek a High Court judgment ordering the health authority to perform what he believes is its legal duty.

The case involving Roy Towler, an unemployed lorry driver from Wakefield, West Yorkshire, comes less than a month after the death of a man who was refused tests at Wythenshawe Hospital, Greater Manchester, for a heart condition because he would not give up smoking.

Mr Towler has been receiving treatment at Pinderfields General Hospital, Wakefield, for four years for hardening arteries. He says that his consultant, Gerald Brown, told him that unless he cut his smoking from 40 a day there would be no point in carrying out surgery to clear his blood vessels. Mr Towler said: "I reduced it to four or five a day, but was told I would not be considered for an operation."

Mr Brown declined to comment, saying it was a matter between doctor and patient. Pinderfields Hospitals NHS Trust denied a policy of not treating heavy smokers.

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And finally, Group 4

BY A STAFF REPORTER

GROUP 4 delivered a prisoner to court five hours after he was due to arrive, leaving his solicitor and court officials to sit and wait for him.

Stephen Leach, 20, was taken to five other courts by the security firm before finally arriving at Pudsey Magistrates' Court, West Yorkshire, three hours after all other business had finished.

Kerry Macgill, Leach's solicitor, is demanding that Group 4 helps to pay the costs of the wasted time. He will consider legal action if the firm refuses. "Quite frankly, the whole episode was a comedy of errors," he said yesterday. "I have written to Group 4 inviting them to consider paying towards the bill."

Leach, of Bradford, was due to arrive at Pudsey at 9.30am from the Moorlands remand centre near Doncaster to answer a charge of breaching an attendance centre order. But instead he was taken with other prisoners to courts at Bradford, Wakefield, Keighley, Dewsbury and Otley, before finally arriving at Pudsey at 2.20pm. He was then given a 12-month probation order.

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Opponents say traffic proposals will imprison them on fume-filled island

Battle looms over £130m bridge to beat Thames jams

BY TIM JONES, TRANSPORT CORRESPONDENT

MINISTERS are braced for a concerted challenge over plans to build a £130 million bridge across the Thames to ease jams around the Blackwall tunnel in east London, which is approached each day with dread by thousands of motorists.

The 100-year-old northbound tunnel, used by juggernauts to London from the Channel ports, was built for the horse and cart and travellers who use it are increasingly subject to frustrating delays as drivers of over-height lorries ignore visual and electronic warnings and try without success to drive through it.

On average, it takes specialist police units more than 90 minutes a day to sort out the disruption caused by the four or five lorries stopped at the last minute by electronically triggered traffic lights. The chaos leads to tailbacks of up to five miles. During cleaning in the early hours, southbound drivers can queue for up to half an hour.

However, John MacGregor, the transport secretary, has been warned that if he tries to force through plans for a bridge he will be met with the same kind of opposition that led him to abandon the proposal for an east London crossing by driving a road through Oxleas wood.

Local Blackwall residents claim a four-lane, 350-metre bridge spanning the river at a height of 50 metres, with 129-metre high towers on each bank, would combine with other road schemes to leave many of them effectively imprisoned on a noisy, fume-filled island.

Tower Hamlets borough council is "vehemently" opposed to the scheme and has been joined by business interests, tenants' associations and environmental groups who believe the bridge would attract more traffic through their area. Greenwich Borough Council is also unhappy with the proposals.

Mr MacGregor has invited comments from interested parties, but the council has questioned the authenticity of the consultation process because he has already rejected the option of building a new tunnel at an estimated cost of £185 million.

Gwyneth Deakins, chair of Tower Hamlets policy committee, who recently met Steven Norris, transport minister for London, said: "If he [Norris] didn't know the views of local people before, he is under no illusion now."

She claimed that a new river crossing at Blackwall might not be necessary if local traffic management schemes were co-ordinated with big projects such as the CrossRail project and the Jubilee Line Underground extension as part of overall plan to improve public transport.

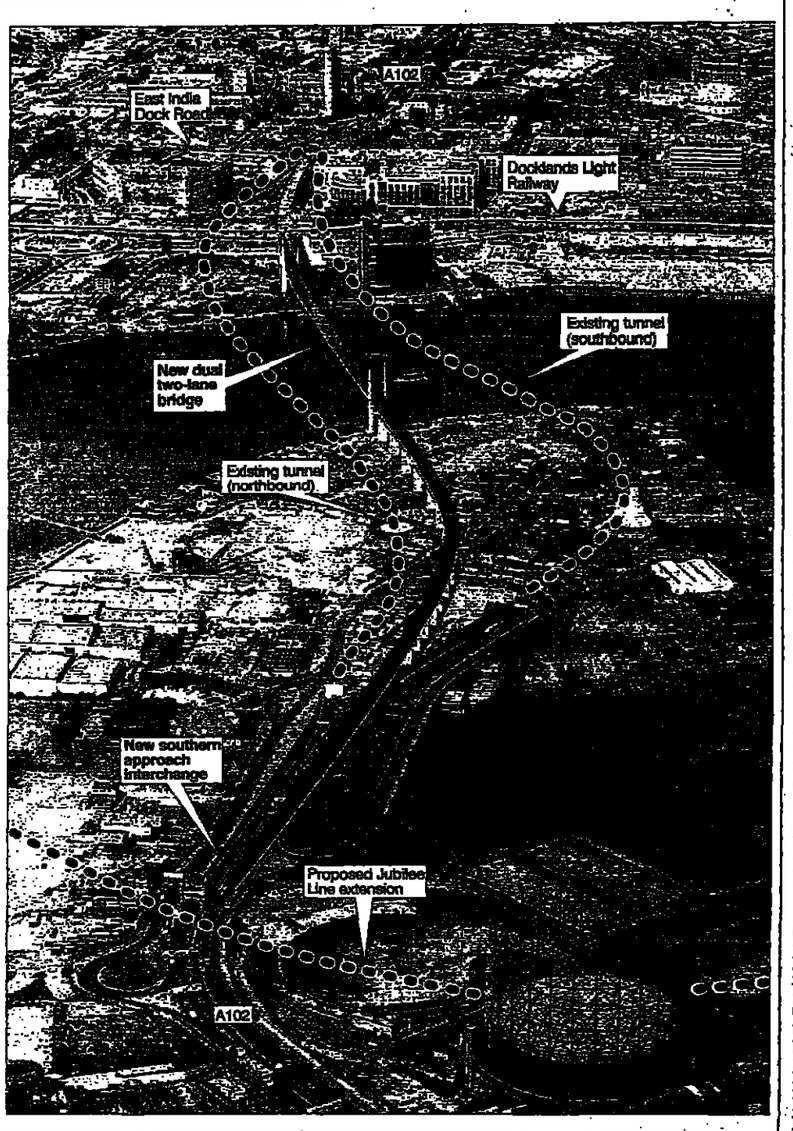
She said: "What is good news for Oxleas Wood could be a major disaster for Tower Hamlets. But if, after that, there is still the demand for a third crossing then it has to be a tunnel."

The transport department concedes the bridge would have a significant visual impact on the area, particularly on properties adjacent to the existing northern tunnel approach.

It claims, however, that it would make a "positive and exciting contribution to the city and river landscapes" as well as aiding the regeneration of the whole area.

The department has rejected the tunnel option, claiming it would take twice as long to build and have far less capacity.

While the transport department claims either scheme would involve the demolition of only 12 houses, Tower Hamlets council believes that 300 families would have to be moved.



Britons lead trek into uncharted sand mountains

BY JAMES LANDALE

IT IS a journey never previously undertaken, into some of the least explored and most inhospitable territory in the world, through a desert which the local inhabitants say you can never leave.

Later this month, 11 Britons will set off on a two-and-a-half month journey across a sea of sand 700 miles long in north-west China. It is called the Taklimaken, which in local dialect means: "You go in but you do not come out."

Taking 30 camels to carry supplies and equipment, the team aims to travel ten miles a day on foot across dunes up to 400ft high. They will also have to overcome temperatures that rise to 90F during the day, then drop to minus 40F at night.

Five members of the team will begin the crossing with two Chinese explorers and four local Uighar camel handlers on September 24. The other six will provide the back-up team in four-wheel-drive vehicles along the old silk route south of the desert from which they will rendezvous with the expedition twice during the journey.

Major Charles Blackmore, 36, an officer in the Royal Green Jackets and expedition leader, said that the trip had never been made before because China had been closed to outsiders for much of this century and because of local suspicion of the desert. He said yesterday: "The primary object is exploration. Nobody has ever crossed the Desert of Death by this route before."

Major Blackmore, an experienced desert explorer who in 1985 retraced the steps of Lawrence of Arabia, said: "There is something about the desert that draws you back." He said the expedition, which has the Duke of Edinburgh as its patron and Sir Edward Heath as its director, was possible only at this time of year because in the summer the desert became a furnace, and in the winter a frozen wasteland. "The most difficult part of the expedition is going to be maintaining the speed each day to make the rendezvous with the back-up team in time. That will be dictated by the fitness of the camels and the height of the sand dunes."

The last expedition across the desert was attempted by Sir Aurel Stein, the British explorer, at the turn of the century; he was forced to turn back after a week. Several years earlier, a trip by Sven Hedin, a Swedish explorer, ended in tragedy when he and five others in his eight-strong team died.

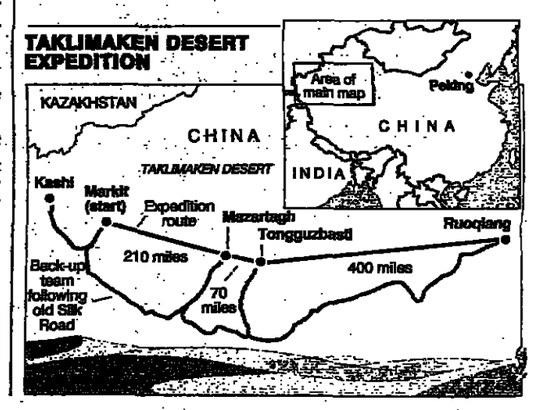
Navigation will be done by dead reckoning with a compass backed up by a hand-held satellite positioning system used by the army during the Gulf war. High-frequency radios and satellite communications will allow the team to keep in contact with the back-up team and London.

The expedition, which will carry out scientific research including measuring the climate and collecting meteorites, aims to raise funds for the Leonora Children's Cancer Fund, which was set up by Lord and Lady Romsey after their daughter Leonora died of cancer in 1991.

The explorers also intend to rediscover ancient Buddhist settlements which have been lost in the shifting sands for centuries. These will be classified, surveyed and photographed for the British Library and the British Museum.

Carolyn Ellis, 31, a former army nurse who served in the Gulf war, is the team medic and its only female member. Having been on an expedition in east Africa in 1989 accompanied by 20 men, she is undaunted at the prospect of being the only woman on the trip. "We have been working together for the past six months and if there were any problems I think Charles would have told me by now," she said.

Unofficially, she is also the team vet. Although the four Uighar camel handlers will look after the animals, she has been visiting zoos and boning up on camel anatomy just in case.



Forgetful computer mimics the brain

BY NIGEL HAWKES, SCIENCE EDITOR

A COMPUTER as forgetful as the human brain has won a prize for two British scientists. Like the average citizen, it finds it impossible to remember a telephone number longer than about seven digits and makes the same mistakes as we do, commonly interchanging neighbouring digits.

Dr Neil Burgess of University College London and Professor Graham Hitch of Lancaster University designed the computer to help them to understand how memory works. Today, they will explain their results to the cognitive section of the British Psychological Society conference in Cambridge, which has awarded them the prize for the best scientific paper of 1992.

We make our short-term memory work, Dr Burgess says, by repeating things over and over to ourselves. The memory decays after one or two seconds, so unless a telephone number can be repeated within this period, it will not be recalled — so we can remember a seven-figure number but not one with 12 digits.

Dr Burgess and Professor Hitch used a technique known as a neural network which mimics the brain. Not only did the computer make mistakes, but it made the right kind of mistakes. This shows that the complex operation of short-term memory can be explained by simple rules followed by the brain cells.

Getting a telephone number wrong, for example, appears to be a result of the digits competing to be recalled. Sometimes, a digit further down the list will jump ahead of its neighbour in the contest to be remembered. For the same reason, when we stumble over a sentence it often takes the form of saying the end before we have got to the middle.

"We have not solved the problem of human memory," says Dr Burgess, "but this research takes us one step closer to understanding this commonplace but remarkable ability."

Boy friend 'trained child like gladiator'

BY PAUL WILKINSON

A YOUNG man who subjected his girl friend's son to violence and cruelty was locked away yesterday. He told police that he had wanted to bring up a child "who could look after himself".

In one incident, the man held the six-year-old boy in a bath of bitterly cold water and forced him to eat a bar of soap because he had made mistakes during reading practice. Doctors who subsequently examined the boy found 30 separate injuries, including a fractured rib.

At Newcastle upon Tyne Crown Court yesterday, the 20-year-old man, who cannot be named to avoid identifying his victim, was sent to a young offenders' institution for 30 months. Judge Stephenson told him: "Your attitude throughout was as if you were training him to be a gladiator, rather than looking after him. You should have been able to see this child was suffering. You dealt with him very savagely."

He added that the man, who had denied the cruelty charges, had shown no regrets over his actions at the family home in Sunderland, Tyne and Wear. "If there had been the slightest suggestion of remorse, a probation order might have been more appropriate. But there is no remorse. He is putting on a bold front, and it seems very difficult for him to appear sorry, if indeed he is."

Judge Stephenson said he realised that the man was an inexperienced person who had been put in the position of a parent, but added: "This is much too serious to be passed over by anything less than a custodial sentence."

A video of the boy being interviewed by a woman detective was shown during the trial. In it, the boy said: "He hurts me because he doesn't like me. He is evil."

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Weapons seized

Meat cleavers, axes, machetes, baseball bats and a samurai sword were recovered when police arrested seven youths in Poplar and Bow, east London, in an affort to curb gang violence.

In an incident involving a shotgun on a council estate in Bow a week ago, police believe four people were injured, but only one has come forward.

Minder guilty

Kulvinder Kaur Khalsa, a registered child-minder from Southall, west London, who left five small children alone in February for 40 minutes, has been ordered to do 100 hours' community service by Isleworth Crown Court.

Stallion dies

A Shetland pony stallion that died after its sexual organs were ripped off at Wadhurst, Sussex, may have been the latest victim in a series of perverted attacks on horses.

Fatal crash

Dorothea Neyens, an international banker's wife, of Chelsea, west London, died when her Range Rover crashed off the M40 and burst into flames.

Fifth arrest

A fifth man has been arrested in Falkirk in connection with the murder by a gunman of Donald Urquhart, a millionaire businessman.

Farm death

Mark Tremain, 26, bled to death after his arm became caught in machinery at a farm at Lanreath, Cornwall.



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Union leaders predict winter of discontent over pay curbs

BY NICHOLAS WOOD AND PHILIP BASSETT

UNION leaders predicted a wave of industrial disruption this winter in response to the Chancellor's decision to impose another year of tight public-sector pay restraint.

On the final day of the TUC conference in Brighton, leaders of many of Britain's five million public servants were queuing up to denounce Kenneth Clarke's plans for *minimal increases. Mr Clarke* stoked the flames by adding that with inflation at 1.4 per cent, workers should not expect automatic annual pay rises. He dismissed the union threats as sabre-rattling.

Alan Jinkinson, general secretary of the Unison public services union, said: "The government only just got *away with it this year but they* are unlikely to get away with it again." John Edmonds, general secretary of the GMB general union, declared that a further round of pay restriction was "completely unacceptable". He said: "The possibility of real trouble will be very great indeed."

The initial trigger for the *union backlash was Mr* Clarke's speech to the Scottish CBI on Thursday night in which he made clear he would not be easing the tight curbs on the £80 billion public-sector pay bill. Yesterday, in a BBC *radio interview, he went fur*ther by calling for an end to automatic annual pay rises.

"We have got to get used to a climate in which Britain is now in control of inflation. We do not [need to] have this an*nual performance whereby* significant well organised groups think every year their pay has got to go up and to give them a real increase in their living standards." Treasury officials confirmed that although Mr Clarke did not intend a repetition of this year's 1.5 per cent public-sector pay ceiling, an end to the formal pay norm would not mean an easing of the brakes.

Meanwhile, the internal *Tory dispute on tax and spending* rumbled on with John Redwood, the cabinet minister most opposed to tax rises, urging dissident backbenchers to write to the Chancellor to emphasise the "weight of opinion" against such a move. But Mr Redwood, the Welsh secretary, sought to step back into line publicly by saying he would back the Chancellor if his Budget judgment was that taxes had to rise.

Public-sector employers *also indicated that they* believed that Mr Clarke's tough stance would increase the likelihood that council workers and firefighters would vote for strikes over pay.

White-collar local authority employees are currently balloting on action over a 1.5 per cent pay offer in line with the government's current pay policy. Firefighters are expected to ballot on national strike action if, as looks likely, their employers later this month insist that they too can only make a 1.5 per cent pay offer.

Ken Cameron, general sec*retary of the Fire Brigades'* Union, said: "It definitely increases the likelihood of our people voting yes in the ballot for strike action."

Gordon Brown, the shadow Chancellor, attacked the pros*pect of further pay restraint in* the public sector as "unfair, hypocritical and an attempt to scapegoat public servants".

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JULIAN HERBERT

After nine years as TUC general secretary, Norman Willis takes his farewell at Brighton, joining in song with his successor, John Monks

Willis bows out in his usual style

BY PHILIP BASSETT
INDUSTRIAL EDITOR

NORMAN Willis bowed out yesterday very much in the style of his nine years as general secretary of the Trades Union Congress. His *farewell speech on the last* day of the TUC conference in Brighton was vintage Willis: rambling and discursive, funny and emotional.

The press tables were full most of the morning, largely because Mr Willis was sitting at them. After years of suffering at the hands of the press, he placed himself among the hacks to write his end-of-career speech. When he took the stage, the press indulged in their usual sport of trying *to spot the ending as Mr* Willis's rambling sentences built false trail upon false trail.

Quoting Shelley and poking fun at his old union, the TGWU transport workers, he produced a fine flow of Willisisms, including the economic insight: "I believe you should always live with*in your means, even if you* have to borrow to do so."

A man endlessly accused of woolly thinking, he summed up his work at a private dinner this week: "Looking back on my career, sometimes I wonder if I haven't sacrificed jocularity for precision."

Young tearaways seize issues for Thatcherite joyride

BY NICHOLAS WOOD
CHIEF POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

CONFERENCE COUNTDOWN



The Young Conservatives seem doomed to be forever out of step with their political elders. In the 1980s, when Thatcherite radi*calism reigned, the* Tories' youth wing was in the grip of the left and the grown-ups found themselves under persistent sniper fire in the cause of caring Conservatism.

Now the positions are reversed. The right has seized control of the YCs but lost the main prize. The scene is set for fireworks at the party conference in Blackpool next month.

Andrew Rosindell, 27, the self-confessed Essex man who chairs the YCs, protests his loyalty to the prime minister, but his endorsement is less than enthusiastic. "Margaret Thatcher was the person who inspired most of our generation to join. We give our support to John Major as her successor."

Mr Rosindell, who backed the call for a referendum on Maastricht and who parades his Essex origins with the help of a bull terrier called Spike, says that the YCs want to put the rows over Europe behind them. This would seem to rule *a repetition of the uproar at* the organisation's own conference in Southend in February when, to the delight of the audience, one speaker tore up the treaty at the microphone.

But Central Office officials are right to cast a wary eye over their youth wing. With the YCs planning three fringe meetings in Blackpool, there will be plenty of scope for dissident ministers and MPs to air their criticisms of Mr Major's leadership and renew the arguments over tax and spending.

Neatly safeguarding themselves against accusations of disloyalty, the organisation's leaders have borrowed a phrase from Mr Major's conference speech last year, "Britain first", as their theme. But the flavour Mr Rosindell imparts to it — a minimal role for *the state, standing up to* Brussels, promoting enterprise and individual responsibility, a revival of traditional standards of morality and an assault on trendy educationists — could be too strong for most of the cabinet.

With the future of the welfare state becoming a battleground for the factions inside the Tory party, YC plans to publish a manifesto at the conference for a fifth term of Conservative rule are likely to prove another flashpoint.

The centre-left faction in the YCs may be in retreat but its *voice is not entirely silent. Rob* McLean, 26, who works for the merchant bankers Hambros, is chairman of the Eastern area, one of the few parts of the country to resist the blandishments of the right. He condemns what he regards as *the ruling clique's obsession* with political dogma. "The YCs should be campaigning on the issues that affect young people, such as housing, drugs and Aids." Tearing up the Maastricht treaty was a "cheap stunt that did nobody any good".

But Mr Major should not despair totally of the generation gap. After nifty footwork by Central Office chiefs, the party's student wing is in safer hands. Conservative Collegiate Forum, with a membership esti*mated at 8,000-10,000* compared with the YCs' 4,500, promises to be more supportive than its better-known but unruly sibling. Tim Kevan, 22, its national director, says of the prime minister: "We think he is a good leader and he *treats the students well."*

The forum's fringe meeting will be addressed by Gerry Malone, a deputy chairman of the party, and Tim Boswell, the higher education minister, both of whom can be relied upon to toe the party line. Mr Kevan adds that there is pleasure in the forum that ministers have at last agreed to end the so-called closed shop operated by the National Union of Students.

With the Tory establishment planning to boost the forum's strength at the conference and in party committees at the *expense of the YCs, there can* be no doubt which organisation is Mr Major's favourite. As one insider put it: "The YCs know they will have to be careful next month".

Be flexible, Mayhew tells the Unionists

SIR Patrick Mayhew, the Northern Ireland secretary, warned Unionist MPs last night not to stand in the way of fresh talks as the Irish government refused to rule out intervention by a US-appointed peace envoy (Sheila Gunn writes).

British and Irish ministers met in London yester*day and made clear that* hopes of preventing a political vacuum and fresh waves of terrorism now rest with the Unionists.

Dick Spring, the Irish deputy prime minister, said: "We cannot afford the luxury of despair."

The last round of talks collapsed in November 1992. *Unionist MPs are reluctant* to resume negotiations unless the Irish government gives up its territorial claim to the province, but Sir Patrick urged them to adopt a more "flexible" approach.

*The Irish government in*sists its first objective is for fresh talks, but Mr Spring said that the goodwill of US politicians who raised the prospect of an envoy should not be underestimated.

Tory 'dissenters' cold-shouldered

BY ARTHUR LEATHLEY

CONSERVATIVE plans to reform grass-roots power threaten to provoke an internal battle next week when proposals are unveiled to reduce the influence of educationists, trades unionists and the party's youth wing.

An internal party report will call for the Tory national education advisory committee to be abolished and big cuts in the number of Conservative trades unionists and Young Conservatives allowed to attend the annual conference. Senior party members said yesterday that the plans were shortsighted and would "tear *the party apart".*

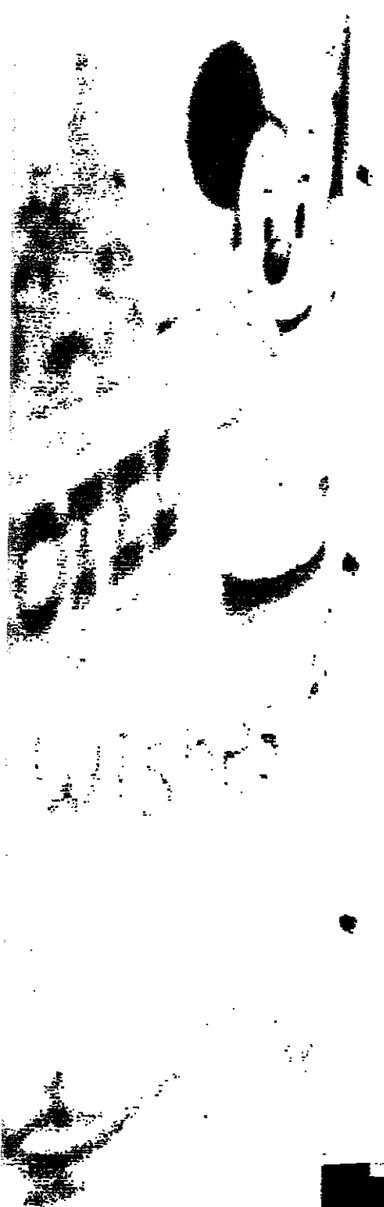
The party's National Union executive committee, which controls the work of voluntary activists, wants to redistribute the power of grass-root sections of the party by increasing the proportion of conference representatives sent by constituency associations.

To achieve this, a working *party of three suggests num*bers sent to conference by Young Conservatives should be cut from 1,163 to 233 and by the Conservative Trade Unionists from 587 to 53. Although many available conference places are unused, members of the two sections say they are being unfairly discriminated against. With other reductions, the moves would cut the proportion of conference members sent by *"advisory" committees from* 58 per cent to 36 per cent. This would be balanced by an increase in the proportion of constituency representatives from 42 per cent to 58 per cent.

"This is aimed at making the party more narrow-minded after a period in which it tried to expand its appeal," said a member of the National *Union executive committee,* which considers the proposals next week. "The party is reverting to a system in which only older, wealthier members can attend conference. It is designed to cut out dissent."

Sir Basil Feldman, chairman of the National Union executive committee, said he was dismayed that the report *had been leaked. "It is simply* a discussion paper and we are not in any tearing hurry to put these proposals into effect."

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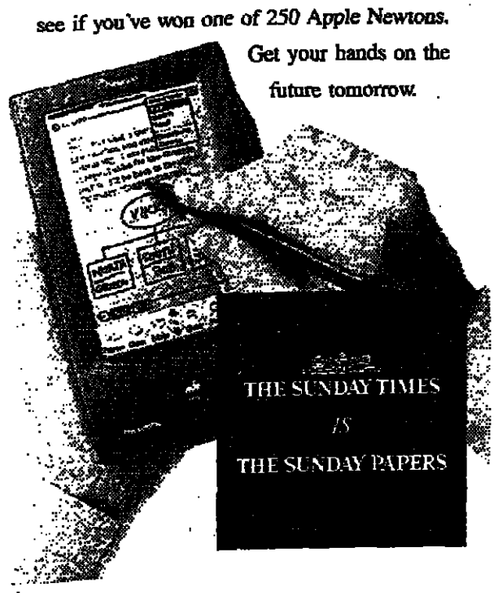


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THE TIMES WORLD CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP

■ Nigel Short has expressed satisfaction with his game so far, despite Kasparov's lead in the early stages

■ Garry Kasparov insists he is pacing himself — his best chess of the tournament, he promises, is yet to come

■ Both players agree that Short had a fine chance to win the second game, but pushed a pawn too far

Protagonists vow to raise heat of battle

BY DANIEL JOHNSON

AFTER two games of *The Times* World Chess Championship, Nigel Short and Garry Kasparov are both promising to raise the temperature in today's encounter. Although Kasparov enjoys a lead of one-and-a-half points to a half, Short remains as satisfied as Kasparov with his own chess. Both men concede that they are still playing themselves in.

Short said he was "not at all worried" by the score and from Michael Stean, his second, came the message yesterday: "You ain't seen nothing yet."

Despite their alleged animosity, in exclusive interviews with *The Times* after the second game both Short and Kasparov were remarkably complimentary about each other's play. Kasparov described Thursday's draw as "a very difficult game", and praised Short's coolness under pressure. "He's very stable. Of course, I have more experience of world championship matches. It's very exhausting — you use up a lot of energy. But I think I am pacing myself well."

The world champion was cautious about assessing the match after only two of the 24 games. "Thursday's game was typical of these matches: there were mistakes, due to tension.

"But I think I'm getting back to my best form, after six months without playing. We will only be able to see what is happening after the first six games."

Nigel Short, too, praised his opponent for "defending very, very well" in the second game, and for behaving "absolutely correctly at the board — so far", with no hint of the gamesmanship Short has criticised in the past. "I guess he will continue to act as a gentleman, unless maybe he goes several games down."

Short was reluctant to be drawn on his own handling of Kasparov's favourite Sicilian Defence in Thursday's game. "Don't ask me anything about the immediate opening. I have my own views about what he is doing." Short evidently fears giving the slightest clue about his plans to the Kasparov camp: the war of nerves continues even during rest days.

The nagging question that remains in the minds of Short's fans is: can he exploit his chances and score wins against Kasparov? "My technique is fine. If I play good chess, I will beat him," Short replied. "I just need to move it a notch higher."

Short is contemptuous of some critics in the media: "I noticed after the first game that I was facing a 'whitewash' — that was in *The Daily Telegraph*. Most of these people don't know what they're talking about, to be quite honest. They read too much into past results."

After facing Kasparov twice over the board this week, Short is more rather than less confident. "That lead can go in one game. Kasparov has a reputation for being a 'mistake-free zone'. This is not true at all. He admits he makes mistakes. He's not a fool. But they are not easy to exploit — you have to play supremely well."

Short will show whether he can rise to the occasion this afternoon. The odds are against him scoring his first victory today, because wins with Black are rare in world championship matches. But Short showed that he could win with Black against Boris Gelfand and Jan Timman.

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CHRIS HARRIS



Nigel Short goes over Thursday's game

Square too far cost Short victory in second game

BY RAYMOND KEENE, CHESS CORRESPONDENT

NIGEL Short pressed Garry Kasparov almost to the edge of defeat in the second game of *The Times* World Chess Championship.

Both players agreed in their exclusive post-mortem discussion with *The Times* that on move 37 Short, once again harried by the clock, could have pushed a pawn one square instead of two and had the champion on the ropes.

White: Short
Black: Kasparov
Sicilian Defence

1	e4	c5
2	Nf3	d6
3	d4	cxd4
4	Nxd4	Nf6
5	Nc3	a6
6	Bg5	Nc6
7	Qd2	e6
8	O-O-O	Bd7
9	f4	h6
10	Bh4	g5

That move sets a diabolical trap, the point of which is revealed on move 13.

11	fxg5	Ng4
12	Nf3	hxg5
13	Bg3 !	

The trap set by Black when he played 10 . . . g5 is that if instead 13 Bxg5 snapping at the bait of the extra pawn, then 13 . . . f6, 14 Bf4e5, 15 Be3 Nxe3, 16 Qxe3 Bh6, pinning White's queen to his king and thus winning the game.

13	. . .	Be7
14	Be2	Nge5
15	Kb2	b5
16	Rdf1 !!	

White's prospects lie on the open f-file. That is the vulnerable point in the Black camp. Short, therefore, concentrates the heavy armament of his rooks in that sector. This is the first move in the game that varies from chess precedent.

16	. . .	Rc8
17	Nxe5	Nxe5
18	Rf2	f6
19	Rhf1	Bc8
20	a3	Bb7
21	h3	Nc4

Kasparov: "White's bishop on e2 is such a dangerous piece for me. That's why I am forcing him to trade it off for my knight. However, I could have played 21 . . . Rc5."

22	Bxc4	Rxc4
23	Qd3	e5
24	Ra2	

An interesting alternative is 24 Nd5.

24	. . .	Qc8
25	Rd5	

This rook thrust perplexed many observers. Short explained it as follows: "My original idea was to play 25 Bf2 but, rightly or wrongly, I became concerned that Kasparov might break out with 25 . . . f5, 26 exf5 Bxg2, which considerably muddies the waters and allows Black's inactive rook on h8 to get into the game. My move also sets the trap of 25 . . . Bxe4, 26 Nxe4 Qxf5, when Black appears to have won a pawn, but the price is too high since I could not strike Kasparov down with 27 Nxd6+ Bxd6, 28 Qxf5 winning the champion's queen."

25	. . .	Rxc3

Kasparov: "Maybe this sacrifice is not the best but I was just desperate to get out of my time trouble."

Short: "This sacrifice was a good practical choice. I underestimated its strength."

26	bxc3	Qe6
27	Kb2	Kd7
28	Rf1	Qc4?

Kasparov: "This is a horrible move to make since it allows White to trade off queens and take control of the b-file with a rook. However, I was very short of time. The right move here was . . . Bc6, followed by . . . a5."

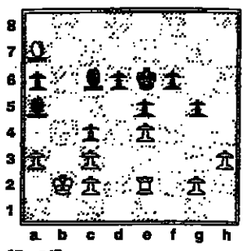
29	Qxc4	bxc4
30	Ka2	

Short: "My position is quite close to winning but it is not yet 100 per cent clear. My idea in moving the king was to play a rook to the open b-file as quickly as possible in order to blast a path into the champion's fortress."

30	. . .	Bc8
31	Rb1	Bd8

Kasparov: "This is a mistake which allows Short's rook to penetrate my position. I should have played 31 . . . a5."

32	Rb8	Re8
33	Bf2	Ba5
34	Rxe8	Kxe8
35	Kb2	Kf7
36	Ba7	Ke6



37	g4?	

Short: "After this I have no more winning chances. It would have been much more promising to play 37 g3 and then h4 in order to create a passed pawn on the h-file."

Kasparov: "This is the one moment in the game when Nigel might have won. His move 37 g4 makes his pawns too inflexible. He really had to play 37 g3 with the plan of h4 to make a dangerous passed pawn."

37	. . .	Bd8
38	Kc1	Be7
39	Re3	d5

Kasparov: "White can do nothing. I have a great pawn structure but look at Nigel's. He has six pawns and all of them are weaknesses."

40	exd5+	Kxd5
41	Kb2	Ke6?

Kasparov: "This was a mistake. I should have played . . . a5 followed by . . . a4, when White has to be careful."

42	Bb6	Bd6
43	h4	gxh4
44	Rh3	e4
45	Rxh4	Bf4

This bishop, scything down the c1-h6 diagonal, effectively locks up the White king in a permanent prison. Without the use of the king, White can never win the game.

46	Rh3	Bg5
47	Bd4	a5
48	Rf2	a4
49	Rh1	Bd7
50	Rf2	Kd5
51	Rh5	draw agreed

Barbican hosts free club for children

BY RAYMOND KEENE
CHESS CORRESPONDENT

THE Sick Children's Trust is organising a national chess festival to raise money for its work. If you want to help or have ideas to contribute, call Hilary Gilmore or Marion McGrath on 071 405 8214.

Meanwhile, the London Chess Festival is focusing on two venues. One is the London Chess Centre, 369 Euston Road, London NW1 3AR (071 388 2404). There is an open house all day until October 30 for friendly games and informal tournaments, plus live commentary on playing days, all-night blitz events on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, and master classes with adult and junior coaching throughout the event.

The second focus of the festival will be the Barbican in the City of London, where the European Chess Club Cup match will be played next weekend from Friday to Sunday.

There will be quick-play tournaments on September 26 and October 17 and a free junior club for boys and girls of all strengths during the festival on Saturdays. A chess library is available and coaching will be given by ELO-rated and titled players. Contacts are Gary Kenworthy (0992 715589) and John McAllister (071 250 7437 or 081 200 6683).

During the festival, Hamleys in Regent Street, London, is featuring chess sets and talking chess games on its fourth floor. On selected dates, chess masters will give informal advice at the shop on playing techniques (call 071 388 8225).

The international master Andrew Whiteley, captain of the King's Head chess club, is to conduct classes every Wednesday, starting next week. They will be held from 6.45pm to 8.45pm at The Durham Castle, 30 Alexander Street, London W2 (enquiries to 071 229 4233 between 7pm and 9pm).

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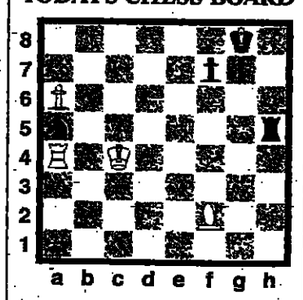
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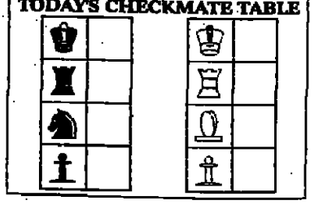
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Tories to privatise income tax records

By Michael Dynes
Whitehall Correspondent

■ Privatisation of Inland Revenue details affecting all 34 million income tax payers has raised worries about confidentiality

COMPUTER processing of millions of confidential tax details will be privatised next year, the Inland Revenue confirmed yesterday.

Annual notification of individual and corporate tax assessments, tax codings and reimbursement of excess tax will be transferred to one of the two short-listed companies bidding for the lucrative government contract, Inland Revenue officials said.

The move will affect all 34 million taxpayers on the pay-as-you-earn and self-employed schemes in Britain, as well as the estimated eight million payers of corporate, trust and other tax.

Inland Revenue officials will continue to handle individual and company tax returns, including the calculations behind annual tax notifications, codings, and personal paper files.

There will be special security arrangements for particular categories of taxpayer, including the Queen, MPs, the security services and celebrities, to ensure that their tax details are not leaked to the press or public, officials said.

CSC Europe-IBM UK and EDS-Scicon, two of the world's biggest information technology companies who are bidding for the contract, will be told who has won in the next few months. The contract will last for ten years and could be worth £2 billion.

Responding to fears that the transfer could undermine taxpayer privacy and confidentiality, Steve Matheson, an Inland Revenue deputy chairman, said that there could never be a 100 per cent guarantee that employees, in either the public or private sector, would not go on "fishing expeditions about well-known taxpayers".

However, anyone who illegally obtained access to personal tax information held on computer would leave a trace that could be identified, he said. In addition, while no strategy could prevent someone from photocopying tax assessments before they went into the post, it would be difficult to do so without being seen by other staff.

Under the 1989 Finance Act, unauthorised disclosure of personal tax information by public or private sector employees carries a maximum penalty of two years' imprisonment and an unlimited fine, Mr Matheson said. Inland Revenue officials will have the right to monitor and carry out random checks on the successful bidder.

Clive Brooke, the general secretary of the Inland Revenue Staff Federation, which represents 57,000 employees, said: "The British public should be very concerned about the plans. It is not just the computer operations which are being sold off. They have also announced plans to transfer typing and secretarial functions, including all private correspondence."



Rhys Daniels leaves hospital in Bristol yesterday with his father Barry after a bone marrow transplant

Boy goes home after transplant

A YOUNG boy left hospital yesterday less than two months after receiving a pioneering bone marrow transplant that his parents fought for in the High Court.

Doctors at the Royal Hospital for Sick Children, Bristol, say that Rhys Daniels, 2, has made such progress that he is now well enough to go home. He will have check-ups at a hospital nearer his home in Epping, Essex.

Rhys, with his father Barry, 35, waved excitedly to cameramen after saying goodbye to the staff who have cared for him in a special unit since July. There was a special hug for Sister Jane Cahill, a favourite nurse.

The boy suffers from Batten's Disease, a rare genetic disorder that affects the brain and can lead to death by the age of seven. Consultants hope the transplant will save his life by halting the disease — the first time the condition has been treated in this way.

He was due to have a transplant at Westminster Children's Hospital in April but the unit closed. A judge censured two health authorities over the cancellation.

Old buildings warm to solar cell walls

By Nick Nuttall, Environment Correspondent

OFFICES, supermarkets and hotels are likely to become mini power stations fuelled by a new generation of cheap and efficient solar cells.

Academics and engineers at the University of Northumbria in Newcastle have secured £320,000 from the European Commission for Europe's first building with outside walls clad in solar panels. They will replace traditional weatherproofing materials in the 1960s computer building with sheets of cells that will not only protect the block but produce environmentally friendly electricity.

Professor Robert Hill, a solar power expert at the university, said: "The wall will appear black and silvery." He believes that the solar cells, which will cover 400 sq metres of a south-facing wall, will provide up to half the building's energy needs in summer and a tenth in winter. On some days, the solar cells could generate a surplus. The electricity will be fed into nearby buildings to reduce the university's energy bill.

A government-backed study shows that, even in cloudy Britain, a tenth to a fifth of the nation's electricity needs could be met by solar cells attached to the walls of urban buildings. The cost of the electricity produced by the Newcastle building will be about 40p a unit compared to 8p a unit, the current price charged to the consumer by the electricity companies.

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I believe the family will survive into the 21st century, though it would be foolish to underestimate the forces that threaten it in the West. So, if it is to survive, it will need support.

An International Year of the Family next year will not take us far unless key questions are asked by the best minds. We need some clarity and some dispassionate appraisal as well as candid self-knowledge as we look at the issues for the family and for society in general. For example, can we really focus on the family without also focusing on marriage? If, as some say, marriage is out and relationships are in, then how many children are to suffer while their parents sort out their relationships? The churches have always solemnised matrimony and commended the family, but exhortation will not be enough. They can promote the debate, and since they are in the business of discovering the truth, they can help see that it is a debate where self-delusion on all our parts is cleared away as far as possible.



It is a commonplace that people need to love and be loved, but love cannot for ever be free-ranging. It also has to be channelled or, if you like, covenanted. Love can be a flood, but it also needs to be a mill stream to drive and to achieve a purpose.

People need relationships in which each individual matters and none can be treated as disable or disposable. They need stability in which growth is possible and personalities can become what they have it in them to become. Where parents are growing emotionally, children can be given space to grow.

Security is another need. It spells acceptance tomorrow and will not be at the mercy of whim or feelings. Out of such security, people can be adventurous. And no one can grow from childhood to adulthood without wounds. If parents are helping to heal each other, they will know how to help heal their children.

Add permanence and faithfulness and you have something very like the institution of marriage and the family which the churches and our culture commend. Of course, the family can go horribly wrong. In times like ours, when conventional signs have been rubbed out and the culture has been fragmented, new efforts are needed to educate people for family life. Education in parenting should be offered in every secondary and public school. Men are the worst offenders: some have been such irresponsible and disruptive parents that, for many women, a man about the house is by no means an asset.

Alternatives to the family are often so bizarre that I believe the original pattern will survive, but it will need to be re-established out of an intelligent reappraisal that churches should encourage. It will also need conviction and commitment. You achieve only social chaos by the motto: "It doesn't matter what you believe as long as you believe it doesn't matter."

□ The Right Rev Philip Goodrich is Bishop of Worcester and chairman of The Children's Society.

How the Vacancies Service works

The clearing system is shaking out. Fresh vacancies are still appearing in today's list of arts and social science courses, particularly at the new universities as they discover which of their offers are being taken up.

For those who are quick off the blocks, there are even places on popular courses such as English, history and law. The University of Central Lancashire, Sheffield Hallam and the University of North London have re-entered clearing for history. There are places for law once again at the University of Humberside and Kingston University.

There is a merry-go-round for business studies as admissions officers juggle their figures. Roughly equal numbers of courses have either entered or left today's listings.

Admissions officers predicted before clearing began that some universities and colleges were likely to make additional arts places available, despite the government's squeeze on places, if courses in science and engineering do not fill up. This appears to have held true at some universities and candidates who have not yet secured a place are well advised to continue to scour the vacancies lists throughout the clearing period.

All the courses listed still had vacancies yesterday. The codes following each university or college name are those appearing in the UCCA or PCAS handbook for 1993 entry. Where a figure appears in brackets, it gives the institution's estimate of the number of A-level points required for entry.

Points are calculated on the normal UCCA scale, using a maximum of three A-levels. An A grade is worth ten points, B eight, C six, D four and E two. An A grade at AS-level counts as five points, B four, C three, D two and E one point.

● The *Times* listings are compiled from universities' own returns. Not all institutions are included because some provide information to the admissions bodies and official agencies only. Tomorrow we return to the artsand social sciences.

UCCA

ACCOUNTANCY
Buckingham: NN43 (12), N4N3 (12), N4L1 (12)
Newcastle: N400 (18)
Reading: LN14
Salford: TN94 (16)
Wales, Aberystwyth: N400 (20), LN14 (20)
Wales, Bangor: N400 (16)

AMERICAN STUDIES
Salford: G4NC (24), F102 (18)

ARCHAEOLOGY
Edinburgh: V670 (CCC)
Glasgow: V602 (16)

ARCHITECTURE
Bath: K100 (19)

ART
Wales, Aberystwyth: W150 (16+)

ASIAN STUDIES
Wales: St David's: GT56 (12)

BUSINESS STUDIES
Buckingham: N120 (12), C8N1 (12)
Exeter: L112
Ulster: F9N1 (14), NT40 (18)
Wales, Aberystwyth: C7N1 (14), N122 (20)

CELTIC
St Mary's Coll: CQ15, FQ15
Wales, Aberystwyth: Q500 (18)

CLASSICS
St Mary's Coll: CQ18, FQ88, QQ58, GQ18

COMMUNICATION STUDIES
Edge Hill Coll: P434, LP33, MP93, PQ33
Ulster: Y460 (14)
Wales, Cardiff: PW45 (22)

COMMUNITY STUDIES
Bradford & Ilkley Community Coll: L521, L510, N753
Coll of St Mark & St John, Plymouth: N1W1
Edge Hill Coll: LM3X, MTX5, M910, LM8X, MVX1

CREATIVE ARTS
Wales, Cardiff: PW45 (22)

DANCE
Bretton Hall: W4W9, W460, W4P4, W4WJ

DRAMA
London, Queen Mary & West: R2W4 (20), R2WK (20), R8W4 (20), R8WK (20), WR42 (20), WR48 (20)
St Mary's Coll: WFL1, GW14, QW59, QW54

DUTCH
London, UC: T222 (12), TR22 (14)
SOAS: TTM2 (20)

ECONOMICS
Buckingham: L100/L112 (12)
Hull: L100 (18)
London, Goldsmiths: Y615 (12)
London, Queen Mary and West: LG14 (20)
London, UC: LG14
Reading: LJ00 (20), L112 (20), L130 (14), LN14 (20)
Salford: FL11 (10), L100 (16), L112 (18)
Strathclyde: G1L1 (CDD)
Ulster: L100 (16)
Wales, Aberystwyth: LN14 (20)
Wales, Bangor: L100 (16)

EDUCATION
Wales, Aberystwyth: VX13 (20)

EDUCATION (PRIMARY)
Edge Hill Coll: E2V8, E2EX, E4G1, E4V8, E2EX, E2G1
St Mary's Coll: E4F1

EDUCATION (SECONDARY)
Coll of St Mark & St John, Plymouth: E7W2
St Mary's Coll: E747, E757, E758, E750, E752, E711, E722, E753, E725

ENGLISH
Buckingham: Q3V1 (8), Q300 (8), QV31 (8), V1Q3 (8)
Edge Hill Coll: R1Q3, LQ33, LQ83, PQ33, QV31, QT32, MQ93
London, Goldsmiths: QV31 (20)
St Mary's Coll: QF31, QC31

ETHNIC STUDIES
Edge Hill Coll: LT35, MTX5, RT15, LT85, TV51

EUROPEAN STUDIES
Bradford: T202, T200
Edge Hill Coll: LT32, QT32, LT82, MTV2
London, Queen Mary & West: R2T2 (16) WR48 (20)
London, SSEES: T118 (18)
SOAS: T685 (10)
Salford: T2T9 (20), F101 (14), F103 (14), F3R2 / F3RF (8), H3T2, H2T2, T9T2 (20)
Strathclyde: K1T2 (BBB), H2T2 (CCC), H1N1 (CCC)
Buckingham: N140, Y220, L1T2 (10), M351 (8)

FINANCE
Ulster: N300 (16)
Wales, Aberystwyth: N400 (20)
Wales, Bangor: N400 (16), N340

FRENCH
Edge Hill Coll: R1Q3, LR31, RT15, LR81, RV11
Hull: F1R1 (12), G1R1 (12)
Kingston: R100 (16)
London, Goldsmiths: R100 (12), RR12 (10)
London, SSEES: RR18 (20)
Reading: R100 (18pt), NR11 (20)
Salford: G5R1 (14)
UMIST: QR11 (14), GR51 (14), R110 (14)
Wales, Bangor: R101 (15)
Wales, St David's: GR51 (10), R101 (10)

GEOGRAPHY
Edge Hill Coll: LV81, L800, LL38, LQ83, LT85, LM8X, LR81
Exeter: F800
Glasgow: F800 (16), FF68 (16)
St Mary's Coll: FC81, FF81, GF18, FQ85
Wales, St David's: GL58 (16), GL50

GERMAN
Bath: NR12 (24)
Hull: G1R2 (12), R200
London, Goldsmiths: R200 (8), RR12 (8)
London, Queen Mary & Westfield: R2W4 (20), R2WK (20), WR42 (20), R200 (18), GR12 (18), R201 (18), R202 (18), R2N1 (18), R2T2 (18), RQ21 (18), RQ2C (18), RR2V (18), RR82 (16), RT2F (18), TTGY (18), TTYG (18), WR42 (20)
London, SSEES: RR28 (20)
London, UC: R200 (20), RR27 (14), TR22 (14)
Reading: NR12 (20)
Salford: G5R2 (14)
UMIST: GR52 (14), R202 (14)
Wales, Bangor: R224 (15)
Wales, St David's: GR52 (10), R200 (10)

HEBREW
London, UC: Q960 (18)

HISTORY
Buckingham: V130 (8), QV31 (8), Q3V1 (8), V1Q3 (8)
Edge Hill Coll: V100, LV31, QV31, TV51, MVX1, TV21, MVY1, MV91
London, Goldsmiths: V100 (18), QV31 (20)
London, SSEES: V100 (20), V118 (20), RV81 (20)
London, UC: V500 (20), V149 (18)
St Mary's Coll: VF11, QV51, GV11, E722
Wales, Aberystwyth: P100 (18), VX19 (20)
Wales, St David's: GV50, V100 (14)

HISTORY OF ART
Buckingham: V430 (8)

HOME ECONOMICS
Wales, Cardiff: N750 (16)

HOTEL AND CATERING
Buckingham: N120/N127 (12)
Wales, Cardiff: N700

IRISH STUDIES
St Mary's Coll: FQ15, QW54, FQ85, QV58, QW54, QV51, LQ35, QQ58

ITALIAN
Hull: R300
London, Queen Mary and West: R300 (14)
London, SSEES: RT31 (20)
London, UC: R300 (14)
Reading: NR13 (20)
UMIST: RR83 (12), RR8H (12)

JAPANESE STUDIES
Salford: F3TK / F3T4 (8), GST4 (14)
Ulster: N1T4 (14)

JEWISH STUDIES
London, UC: V149 (18)

LAND MANAGEMENT
Cranfield, Silsoe: N802
Reading: N800 (16), N802 (10)

LAW
Buckingham: M300 (12), MC39 (12)

LINGUISTICS
UEA: VQ71 (20)
UMIST: GQ51 (14), Q112, QR11, QR12

MANAGEMENT STUDIES
Bath: NR12 (24)
Edge Hill Coll: N126
Exeter: L143, L144
Hull: NN12 (18)
Reading: NR11 (20), NR12 (20), NR13 (20)
Ulster: NN59 (16), N740 (14), N940 (14)

MARKETING
Cranfield, Silsoe: D450
Wales, Aberystwyth: LN15 (14)

MEDIA STUDIES
Wales, Cardiff: PW45 (22)

MIDDLE EASTERN STUDIES
Manchester: T608 (14)
Wales: St David's: GT56 (12)

MODERN LANGUAGES
Leicester: T900 (20)
London, SSEES: T120 (18), T140 (18), T130 (18), T150 (18), T160 (18), T170 (18), T180 (18), RT31 (20), RT81 (18)
Salford: TN94 (16), T9T2 (20), T2T9, RT16 (18), RR12 (18), RRC4 (18), RR13 (18), RR14 (18), RT26 (18), RRF4 (18), RR23 (18), RR24 (18), RT36 (18), RRH4, RR34, RT46 (18)
Sheffield: TE97 (18)
Strathclyde: GST9 (CCC), G1T9 (CDD)
Wales, St David's: T900 (16)

MUSIC
Newcastle: W300 (12)
Reading: W300
Ulster: W302 (14)
Wales, Cardiff: W302 (18), W300 (18)

POLITICS
Buckingham: ML11, MV11, Y618, Y651 (all 8 pts), MM13 (12)
London, Goldsmiths: Y615 (12)

RELIGIOUS STUDIES
Cambridge Rel Studs Centre: V800 (17)
Wales, St David's: V840 (14)

RUSSIAN
Essex: R810 (14)
London, Queen Mary & West: R8W4, R8WK, WR48 (20), RT8F (16), RW84 (20), RT82 (16), GR18 (16)
London, SSEES: R800 (20), R810 (18), RR18 (20), RR28 (20), RT81 (18), RV81 (20)
Salford: F3R8 / F3RV (8)
Wales, Bangor: R800 (12)

SCANDINAVIAN STUDIES
Hull: R700 (16)
London, UC: R700 (12), RR27 (14)

SOCIAL ADMINSTRATION
London, Goldsmiths: L402 (16), Y615 (12)
E12

SOCIAL SCIENCE/STUDIES
Edge Hill Coll: L300, LT35, LP33, LM3X, LQ33, LR31, LL28, LV31, LT32, LM3Y, LM39

SOCIOLOGY
Salford: L3Y6 (18), L300 (18)
St Mary's Coll: CL13, FL83, LQ35, GL13

SPANISH
Hull: G1R4 (12), R401

THEATRE STUDIES
Ulster: W430 (16)

THEOLOGY
Edge Hill Coll: E2V8, E4V8
La Sainte Union Coll: V840 (8)
St Mary's Coll: VF18, VC18, QV58, GV18, VC81, E725

URBAN STUDIES
Edge Hill Coll: M900, LM3Y, LM8Y

WELSH STUDIES
Wales, Cardiff: Q520 (16)
Wales, St David's: Q520 (10)

WOMEN'S STUDIES
Edge Hill Coll: LM39, MP93, M910, MQ93, MV91, M915

PCAS

ACCOUNTANCY
Brighton: N420 (14), NT42 (14)
Dundee, Inst of Tech: N400 (4)
E London: N420
Glamorgan: N420
Glasgow, Caledonian: N400
Gwent: NN34 (10), AFC2 (4), NN14 (10), MN34 (10)
Hertfordshire: GN54
Humberside: N420
Lancashire: N400
Leeds Metro: N420 (14)
London, Guildhall: N400
Luton: N420
Northumbria: N400
N London: N400
Portsmouth: N400
Sheffield, Hallam: N400
South Bank: N420, GN14
Southampton Inst: N400, NM43
Sunderland: NG41, G560, N1N4, N400
Swansea Inst: N400 (6)
Teesside: N420
Thames Valley: N400, NT42, NM43
Univ of C England: L1N4
Wolverhampton: N420

APPLIED LANGUAGE
Brighton: T900

ARABIC
Westminster: QT36, RT86, TQ61, RT16, RT26, RT36

ARCHITECTURE
De Montfort: K100 (14)
E London: K100
Greenwich: K300
Kent Inst: K100
Kingston: K300 (10)
Plymouth: K100
Robert Gordon: K100
South Bank: K100, K108
Univ of C England: K100, K260, K199, K280

ART AND DESIGN
E London: V400

ARTS (RELATED)
De Montfort: W999 (14)
E London: K100
London Institute: W160
Plymouth: Y404

BANKING
London, Guildhall: N120

BEHAVIOURAL SCIENCE
Dundee Inst: L730 (4)
E London: L602

BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION
Buckinghamshire Coll: N1T9, N122, F910
De Montfort: N122 (12)
Greenwich: N423
Gwent Coll: N150 (10)
Humberside: N170
Luton: N122
Southampton Inst: N122
Staffordshire: NF19
Teesside: N131, N153
Thames Valley: N122
Wolverhampton: N141

BUSINESS LAW
London, Guildhall: M340

BUSINESS STUDIES
Brighton: N1J9
Buckinghamshire: N1R1, N1R2, N1R3, N1R4, N1T9, N122, N120
Cheltenham & Gloucester: N1T9, NN13, N3N1
Coventry: N1R1, N120
Colchester Inst: N720
De Montfort: N120 (18)
Dundee, Inst of Tech: N120 (4), N130 (4), N140, N550, F1N1
E London: N120
Glasgow, Caledonian: N120
Greenwich: NN15, G4N1
Gwent: NN14 (10), MN31 (10)
Humberside: N170, NR17, N1T9, LN11, H120, D450, F199, M34Q
Leeds Metro: T810, N120, F1N1
London, Guildhall: N120
Luton: N121
NE Wales Inst: N167, N100 (4)
N London: G532, N124, N120
Nene Coll: N120
North Cheshire Coll: NP14, W4N1, YN51
Northumbria: N1T9, N120
Oxford Brookes: N120
Plymouth: N900
Queen Margaret's Coll: N550
Queen Mary's Coll: G560
Robert Gordon: N131
Sheffield Hallam: N121
Southampton Inst: G562, G568, N120, NM13
South Bank: N1T9
Staffordshire: N100, N111, N120, N110 N122, N123, N140, N199
Sunderland: N120, N140, N400
Swansea Inst: N130 (10)
Teesside: N153, N125
Thames Valley: NL11, N120, H1N1
Univ of C England: Y400, M390, N122, N120
Univ of W England: NY11
W London: G5N1, F6N1, L8N1, NV11, W3N1
Wolverhampton: N140, L1N1

CHINESE
Westminster: T3Q3, T3R1, T3R2, T3R3, T3R4, T3R8, TQ31

COMBINED STUDIES (ARTS)
Bath Coll: Y100
De Montfort: Y400
Gwent: Y400 (4)
Lancashire: Y400
London, Guildhall Y400
NE Wales Coll: QV31 (6)
Plymouth: Y404
Swansea Inst: Y300 (8), M1

COMBINED STUDIES (SOCIAL SCIENCES)
Glamorgan: Y300
Luton: Y400, M300
NE Wales Inst: F910 (4)
N Cheshire Coll: Y400
Swansea Inst: Y300

COMMUNICATION STUDIES
Falmouth Art/Design: P438, V480
Glamorgan: P300
Greenwich: NN15, H621
Humberside: P300
London, Guildhall: Y400
North Cheshire Coll: Y400
Queen Margaret Coll Edinburgh: Y400
Robert Gordon: P379
Southampton Inst: P300, P308
West Surrey Art/Design: P400 (12)

COMMUNITY STUDIES
Bradford & Ilkley Comm Coll: L521, L510, N753
Luton: L521

CONSUMER STUDIES
N London: N700
South Bank: N980, N988

CONTEMPORARY STUDIES
Humberside: Y302

CREATIVE ARTS
Sunderland: W432

COUNTRYSIDE MANAGEMENT
Cheltenham & Gloucester: D955, D9F9, F9D9
Middlesex: W299, FN9X
South Bank: K201

CULTURAL STUDIES
Cheltenham & Gloucester: V8L6, P4L6, V1L6, W4L6
Gwent: W299
Portsmouth: L610
Univ of W England: Y301

DESIGN
Bournemouth: W250, W299, W223, W235
Colchester Inst: W204
De Montfort: WN21 (12)
E London: V400
Humberside: W235
London, Guildhall: W204
Middlesex: W299, W240
Plymouth: W250
Salford UC: W200 (8)
Sunderland: W432
Teesside: V480
West Surrey Art/Design: W230 (12)

ECONOMICS
Coventry: L100 (14)
De Montfort: L100 (12)
E London: L100, L110
Greenwich: L114
Hertfordshire: L100
Humberside: LN11
Kingston: FL81 (12), FL31 (8), FL61 (10), GL11 (8), L100
Lancashire: L100
London, Guildhall: L100, L190, M3L1, Y400
Middlesex: L1R1, GLM1
Portsmouth: L100, LL18
Sheffield Hallam: N800
Thames Valley: LR11, LR12, LR14, L100
Univ of C England: L1N4, L1T2, L1M1, L1M3, L1N1, L1N5
Univ of W England: L100, L3G5
Wolverhampton: L1N1, L100

EDUCATION (NOT TEACHER TRAINING)
Cheltenham & Gloucester: V8X3, M9X3

EDUCATION (PRIMARY)
Bretton Hall: EW29, EW59, EW53, W420
Cheltenham & Gloucester: E3W3, E3V8, E3W2, B3F8
Sheffield Hallam: EY51, EW72
South Bank: E200, E501
West London: E500
Wolverhampton: E500

EDUCATION (SECONDARY)
Bath: E500 (4)
Cardiff Inst: E7Q5, E7W3
Cheltenham & Gloucester: E4W4, E4V8, E4W2, E4F8
Greenwich: EW54, EW72
NE Wales IHE: E7N1 (4)
Sheffield, Hallam: EY71, EF73, EF71
W London: E7X2

EDUCATION (TEACHER TRAINING)
Northumbria: EG71, EF73, ER71, ER72, EJ79
Oxford Brookes: CE15

ENGLISH
Cheltenham & Gloucester: QV31, LQ83
Kingston: Q300 (12)
Luton: Q300
NE Wales Inst: QV31
N London: Q300
South Bank: Q3L3, Q3L7
Westminster: QR38, QT36, TQ3Q

ESTATE MANAGEMENT
NE Wales Inst: N800 (4)
South Bank: N800, N808
Univ of C England: N800
Westminster: N800

EUROPEAN BUSINESS
Buckinghamshire: N1R1, N1R2, N1R3, N1R4, Coventry: N1R1 (10)
Dundee, Inst of Tech: N140
Hertfordshire: Y100
Lancashire: N140
Leeds Metro: N422, T810
Middlesex: L1R1,
Nene Coll: N1R1, N1R2, N1R3, N1R4
Northumbria: M3R1
Oxford Brookes: N140
Portsmouth: N140
Sheffield, Hallam: N1R2, N1R4, N1R5
Sunderland: N140
Teesside: N1T9
Thames Valley: NJ99
Wolverhampton: N141, N140, NT19

EUROPEAN MARKETING
Humberside: NR1C, NR1F, NR14, NR11, NR12

EUROPEAN STUDIES
Coventry: N120 (16), T200 (12)
E London: JT92, T200
Glamorgan: N140
Lancashire: T200
Middlesex: V199
N London: T200
Northumbria: T200
Nottingham Trent: T200
Plymouth: T200
Portsmouth: T200
South Bank: T200
Southampton Inst: T200
Thames Valley: T200
Univ of C England: L1T2
Westminster: K4R1, K4R2
Wolverhampton: T200

FASHION
Southampton Inst: W225

FILM STUDIES
E London: V400
Southampton Inst: W510

FINANCE
Brighton: N420 (14), NT42
E London: N420
Gwent: NN34
Humberside: N420
Leeds Metro: N422, N420
London, Guildhall: N120, N399
N London: N400
South Bank: N420
Teesside: N420
Univ of C England: N420

FINANCIAL SERVICES
Cheltenham & Gloucester: N3N1, NN13
Glasgow, Caledonian: N124
Humberside: N399
Lancs: N399
London, Guildhall: N399, Y400
Portsmouth: N300
Sheffield, Hallam: N300
Wolverhampton: N399

FINE ARTS
Southampton Inst: W100, W108, N812, N813

FRENCH / FRENCH STUDIES
Brighton: N799
Buckinghamshire: N1R1
Coventry: RR12, RR14, RF13, RF23
Kingston: FR61 (12), CR11 (10), FR11 (8), FR31 (6), FR61 (12), GR11 (8), R100, RR12, RR14
London, Guildhall: T299, M3L1, L800, Y400
Middlesex: N1RC
N London: R100
Northumbria: RR12, RR18
Portsmouth: RR12, RR14, F8R1, F6R1, G1R1, F3R1, R110
Staffordshire: G5R1, G5R0, GRM1, M350
Thames Valley: RRC2, RRC4, QR31, RR12, RR18, RR14, RR16, LR11, MR31
Westminster: K4R1, RM13, RR18, N830

FURNITURE/ART RESTORATION
Bournemouth: W223
Buckinghamshire Coll: J450, J455
London, Guildhall: J570, J499

GEOGRAPHY
Cheltenham & Gloucester: FL88, LV81, FL9V, FL98, V8L8, F9LW, LQ83
Greenwich: L800
Kingston: FF81 (10), FF86 (8), FG81 (12), FG85 (12), FL38 (8), FL81 (12), FR81 (12), FR82 (10), FG85 (12), CF18 (12), L800
Luton: Y400
N London: L800, F899
Portsmouth: F800, FG85, FG81, FG84, F8R1, F8R2
South Bank: F8F9
Staffordshire: LL18, L800
Univ of W England: Y301

GERMAN/GERMAN STUDIES
Buckinghamshire: N1R2
Coventry: RR12, RR24
De Montfort: M3R2 (22)
Greenwich: NR52
Kingston: CR12 (6), FR12 (8), FR32 (6), FR82 (10), RR12
London, Guildhall: T299, Y400
Northumbria: M3R1, RR12, RR24, RR28
Portsmouth: RR12, F8R2, F6R2, G1R2, F3R2
Sheffield, Hallam: NTR2
Staffordshire: G5RF, G5RG, GRM2.
Thames Valley: RRC2, QR32, RR12, LR12, MR32, RR28, RR24, RR26
W London: FL68, FV61, F6N1, F6G5
Westminster: K4R2, RR28, N8R2

GRAPHIC DESIGN
Southampton Inst: WZ11

HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE
Gwent: B999 (4)

HEALTH STUDIES
Derby: B995
E London: B990, B991, B992, B9N1
Middlesex: BG94

HISTORY
Cheltenham & Gloucester: LV81, V1L6, V1V8, V1M9, V8M9, QVR1
Kingston: V100 (12)
Lancashire: V100
London, Guildhall: M142, Y400
London IHE: W299
Luton: V199
Middlesex: V199
N London: V100
Northumbria: V199
Portsmouth: V100
Sheffield, Hallam: V100
Staffordshire: MV94, RV44, V460, VK42, VR42, WV14
Teesside: V100
Univ of W England: Y301
W London: LV81, VW13, NV11, GV51, FV61

HISTORY OF ART AND DESIGN
De Montfort: V480 (14)
London Inst: W299
Sheffield, Hallam: V400
Staffordshire: WR14, WV14, MV94, RV44, LV14
Teesside: V480

HOME ECONOMICS
Sheffield, Hallam: N750
South Bank: N750, N781, N788

HOTEL, CATERING AND INSTITUTIONAL MANAGEMENT
City Coll, Norwich: N720
Lancashire: N720
Leeds Metro: N720
N London: N720
Plymouth: N720
Queen Margaret's Coll Edinburgh: N7N7
Robert Gordon: N720
South Bank: N720
Thames Valley: N721
Univ of C England: N720

HOUSING
Cardiff Inst: K472
Sheffield, Hallam: K472

HUMAN RESOURCE MANAGEMENT
Southampton Inst: N620
Teesside: N620

HUMANITIES/MODERN STUDIES
E London: L602
Glamorgan: Y301, YG31
Greenwich: Y400
Humberside: Y301
Luton: QV31

INFORMATION SYSTEMS
E London: G561
Glasgow: N1G5
Greenwich: G561
North London: G560
Nottingham Trent: GCM1, GFM3, GFM1, GFM9, GGM1
Portsmouth: GL53, G599
Staffordshire: G5R1, G5R2, G5R4, MG95, RG45, RK22, RK42, G561, LG1M
Sunderland: H108
Univ of W England: L3G5
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Helicopter gunship attack focuses US debate on role in multinational operations

Congress demands clear Somalia goals

FROM IAN BRODIE IN WASHINGTON

■ President Clinton has, at least for now, dissuaded Capitol Hill from insisting on an imminent pullout by the American forces

THE deadly "last-ditch" attack by US helicopters on women and children in Mogadishu has provoked urgent new concerns in Washington about its forces in Somalia and also raised questions over America's role in future United Nations peacekeeping operations elsewhere.

Senators, who were appalled by the latest clash, voted overwhelmingly for a resolution demanding that President Clinton define his "game plan" in Somalia by October 15 and seek congressional authorisation for continued troop deployment a month later. The non-binding resolution also urged that America "facilitate" the takeover of its responsibilities in Somalia by the UN.

At the same time, General Colin Powell, chairman of the joint chiefs of staff, voiced a strong warning against precipitous withdrawal. It would be a mistake, he said, "to cut and run because things have gotten a little tough".

For many Americans the turmoil in Somalia is reminiscent of Vietnam, especially the latest incident where the line between civilians and combatants became blurred and women and children were killed. Somalia is also casting its shadow over the proposal to send as many as 25,000 US peacekeepers to Bosnia, another open-ended and exceedingly risky commitment.

It became clear during the Senate debate that support for involvement in Somalia has crumbled now that the threat of starvation has largely abated and the operation has degenerated into a power struggle between UN forces and those loyal to General Muhammad Farrah Aidid, the fugitive warlord.

Mr Clinton was dismayed by the original amendment proposed by Robert Byrd, the chairman of the Senate appropriations committee, which would have brought home the 5,000 US troops in the UN force within two months. Pleading with congressional leaders to drop the amendment, Mr Clinton said it would undermine his presidency and send a signal of American weakness around the globe.

The "game plan" compromise was passed by 90 votes to seven only after two days of debate. Senators were divided over whether to impose a deadline for American withdrawal. Also at issue was the War Powers Act, which requires the president to obtain congressional approval for dispatching American troops overseas. Presidents have generally ignored the act on the ground that it undermines their authority.

CNN crew killed, page 1



A Somali child injured in a grenade attack on a UN convoy in Mogadishu yesterday being carried from the scene. Five Somalis, four of them children, and two American soldiers were injured in the attack, the first time local gunmen have engaged heavily armoured vehicles

Lagos says troops died for refusing to pay off militia

FROM JAMES BONE IN NEW YORK

NIGERIA has told the United Nations that the reason its peacekeepers were massacred in Mogadishu last Sunday was that they refused to accept a deal struck by Italian UN troops to pay protection money to Somali clansmen loyal to General Muhammad Farrah Aidid, the fugitive warlord.

Seven Nigerian soldiers were killed as they tried to replace Italian peacekeepers manning the notorious Checkpoint Pasta in the Somali capital. According to a confidential Nigerian account sent to UN headquarters, Italian and Nigerian officers met elders of the general's Habr Gidir clan a few days earlier to ensure a smooth transfer of control at the checkpoint.

The clansmen told the Nigerian officers that the Italian contingent had been paying protection money to the elders and militiamen in the area and the Nigerians would be attacked if they refused to do so. Payment was set at a monthly rate of $200 (£132) per elder and $60 dollars per militiaman. The Nigerians refused to accept the deal and were ambushed as they tried to take over the checkpoint.

UN officials said yesterday that they were investigating the Nigerian allegations. If proved, the charges could force the withdrawal of the Italian contingent from the country. The Italian component of the 28-nation force has been embroiled in controversy since three Italian troops were killed at Checkpoint Pasta in July, the first Italian casualties in combat since the second world war.

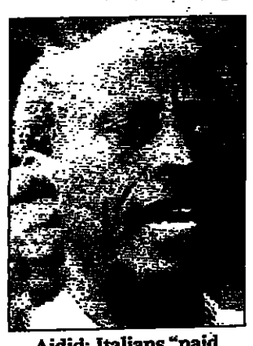
The Italian force retook the checkpoint only after talks with General Aidid's followers, during which the alleged deal was struck. The Italians, who have been accused of refusing to follow UN orders, were due this week to be sent to join another Italian contingent in northern Somalia.

Lieutenant Colonel Ola Oyinlola, the head of the Nigerian unit in Somalia, said the Italians did not come to the aid of his men during last Sunday's ambush. Italy says the Nigerian convoy was 500 yards from the Italian checkpoint and the Italians had to remain in place to protect themselves.

Ibrahim Gambari, Nigeria's UN ambassador, has written a strong letter of protest to the UN secretary-general. "Nigeria," he wrote, "feels that the murder of its troops was premeditated, unprovoked, barbaric and preventable."

Despite the continued fighting in Mogadishu and a recent UN call for an extra 5,000 troops to be sent to Somalia, the UN insists that its operation there is a success. After the massacre of the Nigerians, which brought the number of UN casualties in Somalia to 47, Boutros Boutros Ghali, the secretary-general, convened a meeting of a special 14-nation contact group to discuss the mission.

"Progress continues to be made in the humanitarian effort which prompted international intervention in Somalia in the first place," he said. "Starvation has largely been eradicated."



Aidid: Italians "paid money" to his clan

Grieving widow turns in peak performance

FROM JOANNA PITMAN IN BATAC, PHILIPPINES

THE wailing and weeping of thousands of Philippine supporters of Ferdinand Marcos drowned out the dignified sobs of the late dictator's family yesterday as his body was blessed and laid to rest in a mausoleum in Batac, 250 miles north of Manila.

In the midst of all the grand passion and emotion, his widow, Imelda, stood statuesque on a new pair of black stilettos, ice-cool behind her black veil, relishing such ardent support from the impoverished masses who she fondly refers to as "my little brown people".

After an unlovely rendition of *The Last Post*, ululating voices sang requiems and trembling voices paid tribute to the late president who died in exile four years ago and whose body was flown home on Tuesday to be effectively deified. Armed thugs in dark glasses lent the scene the look of the the funeral of a big-time mafioso. Marcos cronies stood to denounce the American media and political establishment for the conspiracy to oust a great leader and "Bong Bong", his son, spoke tearfully of the greatness, goodness and godliness of the man who is believed to have looted $5 billion (£3.3 billion) from his country and murdered his rivals without remorse.

Once the body was safely stored inside its mausoleum shrine, the widow retired inside the family "ancestral palace" to party with family and friends who had enriched themselves during the Marcos era and who still account for most of the 1 per cent of landowners who control 90 per cent of the country's wealth. In a fresh black dress, her hair remoulded and sprayed rigid into her trademark double bun, the "iron butterfly" wafted around the huge reception room, trailing a staggering cloud of scent.

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Law and order agents thrash out policy to contain Muslim and Jewish militants

Israeli intelligence drafts security strategy with PLO

FROM RICHARD BEESTON IN JERUSALEM

■ Extremists on both sides are more than ready to use violence to wreck the accord. Disputes about court jurisdiction and policing need to be resolved urgently

ISRAELIS and Palestinians are beginning to share a common dream of future cohabitation as neighbours, they also suffer from a recurring nightmare that the peace moves will trigger a bloody struggle in the occupied territories.

Even before Arabs and Jews sign their first detailed agreement on Monday in Washington, Israel's soldiers and intelligence agents are preparing behind the scenes to cooperate with their Palestine Liberation Organisation counterparts to ensure future security in the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

Yitzhak Rabin, the prime minister, a former general who also serves as defence minister, knows that the entire "land for peace" agreement could fall apart if serious fighting erupts either between Palestinians and Jewish settlers, or among rival Arab groups. "We know there will be violence. The question is will we be ready to cope?" an Israeli official said.

Under the provisions of the "declaration of principles" is a vaguely worded clause calling for the formation of a "strong police force" which, within nine months, will be in charge of most if not all the main Palestinian population centres, including some of the most violent sectors of Gaza and the West Bank towns of Nablus and Hebron.

Israeli security specialists are said to be impressed with the professionalism of their PLO counterparts, and expect to co-operate in joint patrols and the sharing of intelligence. The PLO will be expected to crack down on any attempts by radical rejectionist groups, particularly militant Islamists, to stage violent acts and derail the peace process. Similarly Israeli security forces will have to clamp down on the activities of the 120,000 Jewish settlers, some of whom have threatened "civil war" in their opposition to the peace deal.

For now, however, the two sides must overcome their three decades of suspicion and hatred and learn to work together, something Moshe Shahal, the Israeli police minister, suggested this week had still to be achieved. He admitted that, under the proposals, there was not yet agreement over which police force and court would have jurisdiction, for example, in the event of a road accident between Israeli and Palestinian motorists. More to the point, neither side has offered any convincing solutions to how the security forces will respond if radical Islamic gunmen attack Jewish targets and then escape to Palestinian-controlled areas, or vice versa if Jewish fanatics attack Palestinians.

The other likely problem, to be negotiated after the declaration of principles is signed, is the size and strength of the Palestinian police force. So far only about 100 Arab constables have received training, for a population of nearly two million. Ziad Abu Ziad, a leading Palestinian figure in Jerusalem, responsible for drawing up future security plans for the fledgeling Palestinian entity, said the PLO envisaged a far more ambitious security force drawn from the ranks of the Palestine Liberation Army, which was scattered around the Arab world after Israel's invasion of Lebanon in 1982.

Not surprisingly, the idea of allowing armed former guerrillas to patrol the streets of the West Bank and Gaza Strip has become a focal point of right-wing opposition to the peace plan, and ironically for militant Palestinians as well. Settler leaders have vowed to shoot any armed Palestinian on sight, the military hierarchy has voiced its concern and Meshulam Amit, one of Mr Shahal's former top police officers, has denounced the idea. "A Palestinian police force armed with rifles, anti-tank missiles, light Katyusha rockets and anti-aircraft missiles constitutes a serious and continual danger to our existence," Mr Amit said.

Riyad Malki, a supporter of the radical Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine, which rejects the peace deal, also expressed concern about the Palestinian force. "We know why they want such a force: to quell the legitimate opposition against them."

Clinton ceremony, page 1
Simon Jenkins, page 16

THE NEXT STEPS

- ☐ Sept 1993: Declaration of Principles. Israel begins withdrawal of forces from Gaza and Jericho.
- ☐ Oct: Israeli-Palestinian co-operation committees formed and transfer of control of education, taxation and health begins.
- ☐ Jan 1994: Israeli withdrawal complete. Palestinian police take over.
- ☐ July: Palestinian general elections. Occupation government dismantled.
- ☐ Sept 1995: Talks must have begun on sovereignty of east Jerusalem, refugees and settlements.
- ☐ Jan 1999: Final status of Palestinian nation agreed.





Young Palestinians marching through Gaza City with portaits of Yassir Arafat, the PLO chairman, gesture their approval for the planned agreement with Israel for their autonomy in the Gaza Strip and Jericho

'Velvet hammer' claims his share of glory

FROM MARTIN FLETCHER IN WASHINGTON

SEATED somewhere among the 3,000 dignitaries who will see Israel and the Palestine Liberation Organisation signing their historic peace accord at the White House on Monday will be James Baker, President Bush's Secretary of State. It will be an occasion that tests the emotional self-control of even this iciest of politicians. Others are claiming the credit, but nobody did more than he to bring the two sides together.

It was Mr Baker who seized the unique "window of opportunity" presented by the Gulf war victory in February 1991.

Over the next eight months he made eight trips to the region, flying 150,000 miles in search of a breakthrough. At the same time the Bush administration adopted a tough new line with Israel, refusing to give it $10 billion (£6.5 billion) in housing loan guarantees until it ceased new settlements in the occupied territories.

BAKER'S MISSION

Mr Baker developed the concept of multi-track talks between the Israelis and the Palestinians, the Jordanians, the Syrians and the Lebanese. The "velvet hammer", as he was known, cajoled, bullied and pummelled. He offered every conceivable fig leaf and left no arm untwisted.

At times it looked hopeless. Once Mr Baker found himself in Russia's Caucasus looking towards Mount Elbrus, which was hidden by fog. Could he see the path to Middle East peace, a reporter asked in jest. "I can see it as clearly as Mount Elbrus there," Mr Baker replied.

Mr Baker postponed all discussion of substantive issues. Finally he convened the Madrid conference in October 1991 and dragged the Arabs and Israelis, kicking and screaming, to the table for the first time in 43 years.

Mr Baker and his aides had no fixed plan. They banked on some "chemical reaction" taking place if the old enemies were forced to converse. The first five rounds of talks in Washington achieved nothing. The turning point came in June 1992 when Yitzhak Shamir, Israel's hardline prime minister, was defeated by Yitzhak Rabin.

Last August a reluctant Mr Baker was snatched from the State Department to take charge of Mr Bush's floundering re-election campaign. Without him the peace talks seemed to lose whatever vestiges of momentum they still had. But in fact it was the imminent prospect of their collapse that pushed Mr Rabin and Yassir Arafat into their secret negotiations.

Mr Baker faded from view after Bill Clinton's election. But this week he has been back on chat shows, subtly reminding the public of his contribution: "I don't think it's bragging, but the United States defeated communism, and I think the US defeated Arab radicalism in the Cold War," he told one interviewer. "Those two things more than anything made possible the political atmosphere that led to what has happened."

The interviewer said: "I congratulate you."

"Thank you", Mr Baker replied without protest.

Guerrilla turns bureaucrat along tortuous route to compromise

The PLO has been forced over the years to conclude that peace is a more effective weapon than war, writes ***Christopher Walker*** *from Cairo*

IN THE 29 turbulent years since the formation of the Palestine Liberation Organisation it has been transformed from a makeshift guerrilla group dedicated to driving the Jews into the sea to a bloated bureaucracy willing to coexist with Israel.

No member is more typical of the change than Bassam Abu Sharif, the aide spotted with Yassir Arafat, the PLO chairman, in a Paris hotel by a French journalist secretly visting Yitzhak Rabin, the Israeli prime minister, on July 1. He was one of the main forces behind the PLO's switch to a "two-state solution", the idea that Jews and Arabs can live side by side.

In September 1970, however, Mr Abu Sharif was shouting instructions through a megaphone to about 200 hostages being held in Jordan after three jets, one of them British, had been forced at gunpoint to land there. "I was called from Beirut at the time to explain to the passengers why the planes had been seized," Mr Abu Sharif said. "I clearly remember there was one rabbi, a fantastic fellow who told me, 'If it was my people who had been treated like yours, I would have done the same'."

Then, explaining his conversion, Mr Abu Sharif said: "I began to realise that peace could be a very effective weapon ... force will never achieve a long-term solution."

Although some of the most dramatic incidents of Palestinian violence have been committed by fringe groups, others have been the work of its mainstream. In 1978 guerrillas from Mr Arafat's Fatah movement, the dominant PLO faction, sent eight commanders by sea to Israel where they hijacked a bus and forced it to take them to Tel Aviv where 37 people were killed.

Fatah was responsible for the first Palestinian attacks against Israel in strikes against the National Water Carrier launched in 1964 and the first Palestinian guerrillas were taken prisoner near Jerusalem in January 1965.

Mr Arafat became PLO chairman in 1969 and it was five years later that he made his famous "gun and olive branch" speech to the United Nations. Gradually, the PLO scaled down its demands until it tacitly recognised Israel's right to exist at the historic meeting of its parliament in exile in Algiers in 1988. The main similarity between the original PLO and the organisation today is that neither has much cash. Starved of grants by the Gulf oil states in revenge for its support of Iraq during the Gulf war, the financial weakness of the PLO was used as a lever by Israel to secure the concessions for the self-rule accord.

Palestinian opposition to the deal ranges from one of Mr Arafat's oldest colleagues within the Fatah faction to fringe hardliners. It also includes a variety of Islamic fundamentalist groups led by Hamas, the PLO's main rival for power in the teeming Gaza Strip. They were given a boost when Ayatollah Muhammad Yazdin, Tehran's top judge, told the main Friday prayer meeting that Mr Arafat had betrayed Islam and the Arabs.

The biting criticism from Farouk Kaddoumi, the PLO's "foreign minister", will have hit hardest. "No leadership body," he said, "has the right to commit our people to renounce its just struggle to achieve its legitimate national aims — liberate its land from Israeli occupation, and set up its own independent state."

Mr Kaddoumi was once suggested as a successor to Mr Arafat, but since he lacks the chairman's charisma or media profile, his chances of emerging as an opposition challenger were being discounted.

It remains to be seen whether Mr Arafat can make the full transformation from terrorist to statesman. As Nabil Shaath, his close friend, complained last week: "At a time when Nelson Mandela has been released from prison and is expected to become the president of South Africa, the possibility of accepting Yassir Arafat as president of Palestine has never crossed [Yitzhak] Rabin's mind."



Abu Sharif: behind the PLO change in policy

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Chill wind of contempt blows from Egypt

BY CHRISTOPHER WALKER

Nabil, an Egyptian who is now a hard-working clerk in Saudi Arabia, is an affable family man with moderate views on most subjects, but that never stopped him ejecting a ferocious globule of spit every time he passed the Israeli embassy in Cairo. Not that he had any hope of hitting it, since, for safety, it perches atop a 15-storey building.

His behaviour, still typical of many Egyptians 14 years after Camp David and the signing of the first peace treaty between an Arab state and Israel, is a reminder that it will take more than a stroke of the pen to overcome the decades of suspicion that festers between Arabs and Jews. The early hopes aroused by Camp David and by President Sadat's historic visit to Jerusalem in 1977 have been largely dashed by the reality of the "cold peace" between Egypt and Israel and it remains a pointer to how the new understanding between the Palestine Liberation Organisation and Israel may work.

"We recognise each other's existence," said an Egyptian banker explaining the Camp David treaty, whose main strength has been its survival, "but we are neither friends nor partners." The continuing mistrust is the result not merely of many wars; it is also whipped up by almost daily stories in the Egyptian media accusing Israel of everything from spreading Aids to deliberately circulating counterfeit currency.

Hopes of breaking down the bitter legacy of the past have been dashed for many reasons. Fewer than 100 Egyptians go to Israel every year while some 70,000 Israelis cross the other way. Similarly, predictions of economic harmony have largely failed to materialise.

Although the Palestinians have for years been known by fellow Arabs as the "Jews of the Middle East" because of their lack of a homeland, educational achievements and commercial skills, the hatred between them and the Israelis is deeper and more immediate than that between Israelis and Egyptians — the brutal repression of the *intifada* and countless attacks on innocent Israelis at home and abroad have seen to that. But, as an outsider who has lived among Jews and Arabs for more than 11 years, I can see some reasons for hope.

On the most obvious level, both peoples are semitic and their religions share many such common points as the proscription of pork and the custom of male circumcision. Also, Israel is becoming more of a Middle Eastern state, less of a refuge for persecuted members of the East European intelligentsia; indeed, it is because Sephardi (oriental Jews) look and talk so much like Arabs that Mossad has such a brilliant record of spying on its Arab enemies.

People such as Abie Nathan, the Iraqi-born Jew who is Israel's best-known peace campaigner, have shown that warm friendships can be built up across the racial divide. As one European ambassador commented: "If you could combine the drive of the Jews with the diplomatic charm of the Arabs, you would have a formidable combination."

Ironically, it was a bus ambush outside Cairo in which nine Israeli tourists and two Egyptians were killed that showed the human touch engendered by peace which may eventually overcome the barriers. "I just want to see and give you a big kiss for everything you did," Rina Cooper, an Israeli, told Yasser Ramadan, an Egyptian doctor who stopped at the scene and ferried five wounded Israelis to hospital. "You are very good people, I know," he replied on the special link set up by Israel's army radio.

Christopher Walker, Cairo correspondent of The Times *since 1988, was Jerusalem correspondent from 1979 to 1985*

as Saudi Arabia denies bankruptcy claims and prepares to foot the bill for peace

Riyadh expected to underwrite accord

BY MICHAEL BINYON

THE PLO'S peace accord with Israel will need substantial financial support, and Western as well as Arab leaders are looking mainly to Saudi Arabia and the oil-rich Gulf for the vital cash.

But now diplomats are asking a question that would have been unthinkable a year ago: can the kingdom still afford such generosity? Is Saudi Arabia, drained by the expense of the Gulf war and the need to boost oil production, running out of money?

The Saudis have vigorously rejected recent alarmist reports that the country is going bankrupt. Mohammad Ali Abalkhail, the minister of finance, has said there is no cause for concern, and insists that the world's largest oil producer and exporter has always managed its affairs prudently. Diplomats, too, have poured cold water on reports of a soaring deficit and huge borrowing, saying that the Saudis' difficulties are only short term and that the scale of their oil-wealth is enough to underpin their development plans for years to come.

Banking sources in the kingdom admit, however, that some of today's figures look alarming at first sight. Current spending is far outstripping revenue, and has done

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for some years. The country is running a budget deficit of 9 per cent, well above that of other countries struggling to make their books balance. Whereas in 1989 it was spending $23 billion (£15 billion) a year and still had a surplus, by 1991 it was spending $45 billion and unable to live within these limits. Saudi debt now stands at around $66 billion, or 36 per cent of gross domestic product, and the government is selling bonds to raise money. Bankers point out, however, that almost all this debt is internal and is held by Saudi bodies. The government, in fact, has a very small external debt, and outsiders do not own government bonds. If the bonds held by autonomous government bodies such as the electricity authority are excluded, the total commercial debt is only $42 billion.

Talk of devaluation of the riyal against the dollar is swiftly dismissed. Saudi Arabia holds $20 billion to cover its currency, and this figure is unaffected by recent heavy spending.

Riyadh will find the money for the Palestinians, despite its lingering anger at their support of Iraq during the Gulf war. It will raise the cash not least because the government knows that peace in the Middle East is essential to any further Saudi and regional development.



Yitzhak Rabin, the Israeli prime minister, signing a letter yesterday to Yassir Arafat, acknowledging the PLO as the representative of the Palestinian people

Cheap pen makes mark on history

BY RICHARD BEESTON

ISRAELI, Palestinian and *foreign reporters covering Israel's historic signing ceremony yesterday were bemused when the first comments were unintelligible to everyone except five Nordic journalists. The Norwegian mediators who brought the two sides together were in Jerusalem as a reminder of who made the breakthrough possible.*

The signature of Yitzhak Rabin, the Israeli prime minister, using a cheap blue plastic ballpoint pen on the same document signed by Yassir Arafat, the PLO chief, provided the day's decisive moment. But much of the rest of the occasion was dominated by Johan Jorgen Holst, Norway's foreign minister, Terje Roed-Larsen, the country's trade union leader, and their wives.

The so-called "Oslo channel" established by the Norwegians enabled Israeli and Palestinian officials to hold several secret talks in hotels, country mansions and even private homes without being discovered. The only casualty *to date is the reputation of Uri* Savir, the director-general of Israel's foreign ministry, whose frequent mystery trips to Europe led to a rumour among diplomats that he kept a mistress in Paris.

Mr Holst discovered that the sober atmosphere of Oslo tends to wear off when the parties return to the passion-

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ate heat of the Middle East. Asked how Mr Arafat had responded on Thursday when he signed the letter recognising Israel, Mr Holst described him as "solemn and supportive", normally a diplomatic euphemism for moody and unhelpful.

Mr Rabin's letter to Mr Arafat did not include "Yours sincerely" at the end. Israeli officials explained that the omission was a mistake of protocol, but Israeli insiders insisted that the former general was having the last word.

World acclaims the collapse of another wall

BY MICHAEL BINYON, DIPLOMATIC EDITOR, AND OUR FOREIGN STAFF

THE world was quick to congratulate Israel and the Palestine Liberation Organisation on their agreement yesterday. Britain described the accord as a "big breakthrough" and Russia spoke of a historic step that compared with the fall of the Berlin Wall.

John Major said of the agreement: "It has been a long time coming but it is a breakthrough. It is a very big breakthrough and I am delighted it has happened. But there is, of course, still a lot to be done."

The prime minister said that Britain had been privately encouraging both sides to reach a deal for a

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long time, and would continue to offer assistance. He noted that decisions that *were right were often* unpopular. But he would not be drawn on any possible British diplomatic recognition of the PLO.

One step that Britain may take, in conjunction with its European Community partners, to reward Israel is to propose a swift revitalisation of the Jewish state's association agreement with the Twelve. Israel, which has a large trade imbalance with the Community, have long been pressing for better market access.

Congratulations flooded in from around the world last night:

☐ **Russia:** The foreign ministry in Moscow emphasised the role that the Kremlin, as co-sponsor of the Middle East peace process, had played in bringing the agreement to fruition.

"The Russian co-sponsor, together with its US colleagues, has been insistently working to break the ice of mistrust between the Palestinians and Israelis and was aware of their secret contacts," it said. "We have every ground to compare this historic step with the collapse of a Berlin Wall in the Middle East."

☐ **Belgium:** Willy Claes, the foreign minister, representing the presidency of the European Community presidency, declared: "This accord marks an important new step on the road to a historic reconciliation between the Israeli and Palestinian peoples." He praised the "courage and determination" of those who had negotiated and signed the deal.

☐ **Germany:** *Klaus Kinkel*, the foreign minister, said: "We Germans, who share a painful history with the Jewish people, are especially happy about this peace accord." He said that Germany would expand its relations with the PLO.

☐ **France:** Simone Veil, the health minister and survivor of the Auschwitz Nazi death camp, told French radio she would shake hands with Yassir Arafat, the PLO leader, if the occasion presented itself.

☐ **Japan:** Tsutomu Hata, *the foreign minister, said* Japan hoped the progress in negotiations between Israel and the PLO would help advance the Israelis' peace talks with Syria, Jordan and Lebanon. "Japan will continue to make utmost efforts for the progress of the Middle East peace negotiations," he said.



Claes: hailed courage of peace negotiators

Protest goes on as peace deal is signed

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transformation from terrorist to statesman is incomplete.

The Clinton administration hopes that the dramatic South Lawn ceremony will not only bolster support for the accord in Israel and the occupied territories but inject a new *momentum* into the other sections of the Middle East peace talks involving Syria, Jordan and Lebanon.

Even as the agreements were being signed, hundreds of right-wing *demonstrators*, many of them Jewish settlers fearful for the fate of their communities, were protesting across from the prime minister's office, carrying banners saying "Death to traitors", "Gaza and Jericho today, Jerusalem tomorrow".

A similar but potentially more violent confrontion was also shaping up among Palestinians, where radical groups *opposed to compromise* vowed yesterday to assassinate Mr Arafat.

On the ground in the occupied territories the ideological fight was already beginning. Israeli soldiers shot and wounded three Palestinians during a protest against the peace agreement by Islamic militants. In Arab East Jerusalem, the Palestinian flag was raised soon after the signing ceremony and a pro-peace rally which attracted hundreds of residents passed off without incident.

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Hurd tries to draw sting from Bosnia row with Germans

FROM ROGER BOYES IN BONN

■ The foreign secretary has acknowledged Bonn's contribution to the Balkans peace effort and given qualified support to its aspirations to join the UN security council

DOUGLAS Hurd, the foreign secretary, yesterday tried to paper over some of the many differences with Bonn over Bosnia in a speech defending Europe's role in the Balkans.

The diplomatic row between Britain and Germany took an unusually public turn recently when Nigel Broomfield, the ambassador to Bonn, published a letter criticising German press commentators. Some have accused Britain of siding with France to block German expansion into south-east Europe. A dinner in Nuremberg last week involving Mr Hurd and Klaus Kinkel, his opposite number, did little to dampen British irritation on the issue.

Mr Hurd, in a speech yesterday to a foreign policy conference sponsored by the Free Democrats, tried to take some of the venom out of the argument by emphasising the European dimension of crisis management in Bosnia. "Those of us who could, have sent troops to keep the Bosnians alive." European troops in Bosnia were not imposing a solution for an imperial power. He acknowledged that Bonn, within its constitutional constraints, was doing its bit, saying: "I do not underestimate the contribution which Germany is making."

But he also had sharp words for those who urge military intervention — the position of many German commentators — and those who would like to arm the Bosnian Muslims. Helmut Kohl, the German chancellor, at a dinner during the Copenhagen summit recently, read out an appeal from President Clinton for arming the Bosnian Muslims. That rocked the unsteady European consensus and achieved little.

"We need to avoid the rhetorical pretence which is the enemy of successful crisis management," Mr Hurd said. "What we cannot do we should not pretend to do. We should not threaten military action which we are not prepared to carry out."

The conference was called partly to demonstrate Dr Kinkel's command of foreign policy. Since Herr Kohl is trying to take over much foreign policy management — a useful re-election ploy — Dr Kinkel wants to make a domestic political point. Dr Kinkel, who is also chairman of the Free Democrats, was anxious to show that he has made a substantial impact on foreign policy — especially in promoting Germany as a future member of the United Nations Security Council.

Mr Hurd threw in a word of support. "If one day there is agreement on an expansion of the permanent members of the council, then we would hope and expect that Germany will benefit from that and be able to participate fully," he said.

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Coup staged in Banja Luka

FROM TIM JUDAH IN BELGRADE

TANKS and armoured cars yesterday took to the streets of Banja Luka in northern Bosnia-Herzegovina as soldiers of the most powerful force in the Bosnian Serb army took power in a dramatic coup. All roads out of the city were blocked, and the radio and television buildings and other key installations seized.

The coup leaders said in emotional broadcasts that their action was not aimed at toppling the Bosnian Serb military and civilian authorities but rather at arresting "war profiteers". People were told to stay off the streets yesterday afternoon as the coup leaders said that they would be arresting profiteers.

Sources close to the Bosnian Serb leadership indicated that the army had been told to act to crush the local mafia. It remained unclear last night whether the true motive was to eliminate powerful Serb extreme nationalist politicians, based in Banja Luka, who have often come into conflict with Serb leaders based in Pale outside Sarajevo.

One source in the city said that Radovan Karadzic, the Bosnian Serb leader, had appealed to the coup leaders to return to the front. He admitted that they had real grievances, but asked them to send a delegation to Pale. Journalists contacted at Radio Banja Luka were clearly frightened and spoke of strict military censorship on all reports.

The action in Banja Luka comes as the local authorities in Knin, the capital of the neighbouring self-proclaimed Republic of Serbian Krajina in Croatia, moved against paramilitaries and extreme nationalists whom they accuse of war profiteering.

The United Nations suspended all relief convoys through the Croatian town of Karlovac, after hundreds of shells fell, killing six people.



A 130ft-long hot air balloon in the shape of a polar bear looms incongruously behind a man and his dogs in the Nevada desert near Reno as its crew prepared for weekend races

Drug barons strike heavy oil

FROM DAVID ADAMS IN MIAMI

COLOMBIA'S drug lords are going back to their roots, hoping to revive the weed that was popular in the 1970s before the cocaine boom.

Police are reporting large seizures of hashish oil, a derivative of the cannabis plant with ten times the narcotic strength of marijuana cigarettes. Experts say Colombian drug farmers are cultivating a large, new crop of the cannabis plant, the source of marijuana and hashish, in some areas replacing fields which had been used to grow opium poppies. In the late 1970s a "bonanza" of marijuana swept Colombia, and led to the country's first drug war. But marijuana production was soon overtaken by cocaine and more recently by heroin.

In recent months Colombian police have seized nearly 7,000 lb of hashish oil. Unlike the more sophisticated manufacture of heroin, the oil is easily distilled from the marijuana leaf resin.

Delhi: India and Pakistan have agreed to curb cartels which use their borders for smuggling narcotics into Europe. *(AFP)*

Tales of a 'penitent thief' rile Vatican

FROM JOHN PHILLIPS IN ROME

AN ITALIAN journalist has outraged Roman Catholic authorities by publishing a book of 47 "confessions" he made in some of the most famous churches in Italy and the Vatican while posing as a corrupt industrialist or a bribe-taking politician who was seeking absolution.

"All the priests, with the exception of one, advised me against turning myself in to the magistrates," said Pino Nicotri, a reporter for *L'Espresso* magazine. "Some said everyone had been taking bribes, that the magistrates were aware of the situation before but only began arresting people two years ago as part of a political manoeuvre.

"Four or five priests told me that freemasonry was behind the explosion of the *tangentopoli* (bribe city) scandal. One priest in Milan cathedral told me the Vatican had paid bribes to obtain contracts for supplying Italian prisons."

The Vatican denounced Nicotri for an "ignoble operation, a blasphemous act toward the sacrament of confession". He admits to having moral qualms about his singular methods researching *Bribes in the Confessional*. "They have not excommunicated me yet but they condemned me severely. I faced many moral doubts and considerable anguish during my work, especially during the confessions that I taped in St Peter's Basilica during a papal audience.

"I felt I was being very profane. But I was a journalist carrying out an investigation that I considered highly useful. Nobody and nothing could have stopped me."

☐ *Cuts package:* The cabinet of Carlo Azeglio Ciampi approved plans yesterday to cut state spending by £12 billion amid fears that recession is fuelling social unrest. But the five-month-old government now faces a tough struggle to win parliament's approval for the proposals. *(Reuter)*

NEWS IN BRIEF

Greece sets date for poll

Athens: President Karamanlis of Greece said early general elections would be held on October 10 and dissolved parliament in the wake of defections in the ruling party.

He also gave key portfolios to three independents, naming Aristovoulos Manessis, a professor of constitutional law, as interior minister, retired general Dimitris Manikas as public order minister and senior judge George Playannakos as justice minister. *(AFP)*

Racism tackled

Paris: Charles Pasqua, the French interior minister, has set up a unit of leaders from government and non-government organisations to combat racism and xenophobia. *(AFP)*

Sect charges

Buenos Aires: An Argentine judge charged 18 members of the Family of God sect with child abuse and enslavement after examinations of children in their charge disclosed evidence of injuries. *(Reuter)*

Plea to Corsica

Ajaccio: President Mitterrand, on a rare trip to Corsica for the 50th anniversary of liberation from the Nazis, urged the French island to accept limited autonomy. *(Reuter)*

Republican call

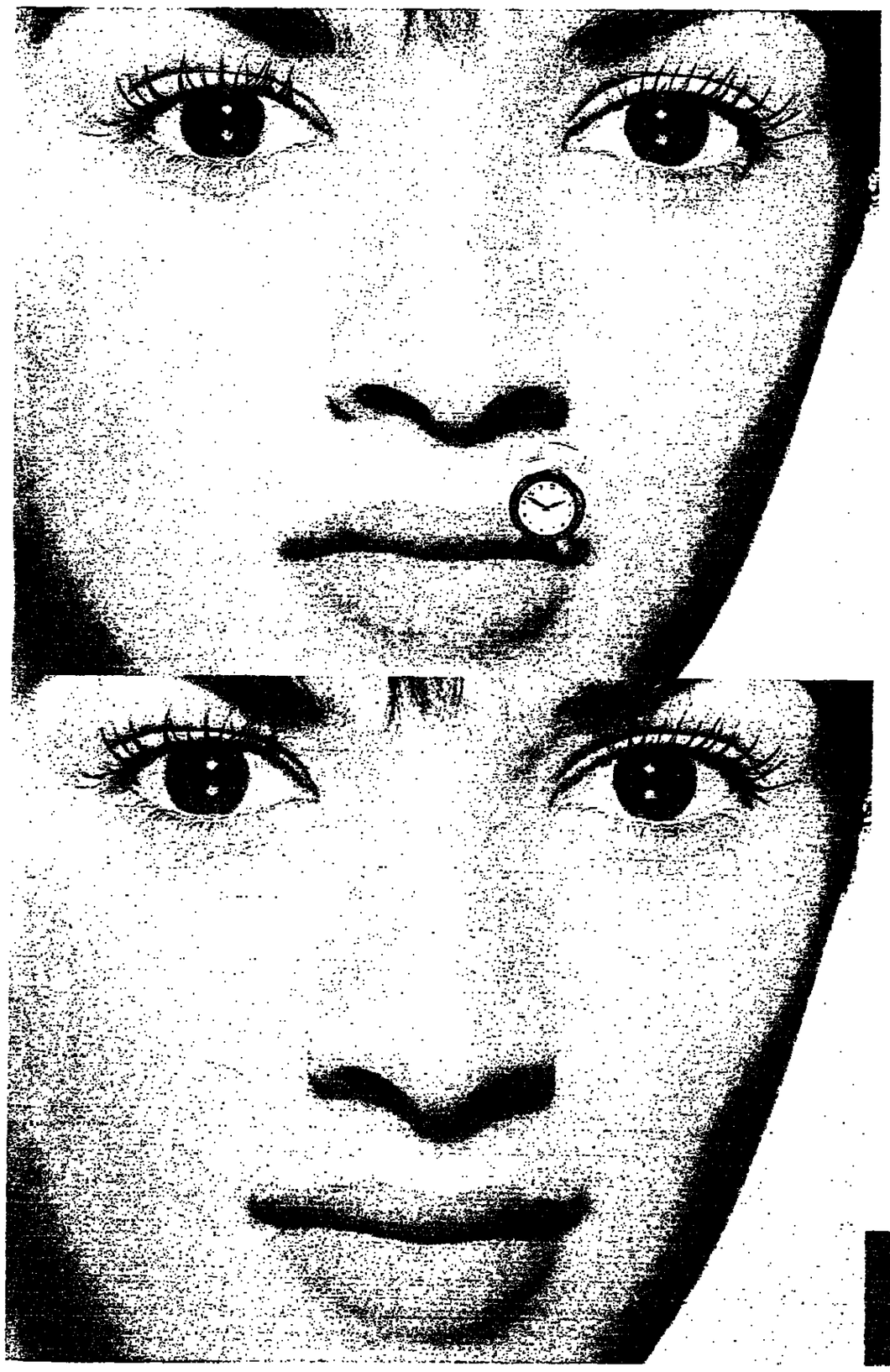
Sydney: The South Australia administration has proposed the country adopt a bill of rights, reconfigure state and national powers and replace the Queen as head of state with a president. *(Reuter)*

Sabotage fear

Tashkent, Uzbekistan: Firemen in Dushanbe, Tajikistan, took almost all day to put out a fire in a military ammunition depot. Sabotage had not been ruled out. *(Reuter)*

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Al Gore the popular entertainer has scored a success; but then ridiculing bureaucrats is always a winner

Alexander Chancellor in New York

You may have been wondering whatever happened to Vice-President Al Gore since those glory days last year when he seemed to be almost the equal partner of Bill Clinton in their election-winning sales-team. Despite Mr Clinton's assurances that his running-mate would also be his active and prominent partner in government once he got to the White House, Mr Gore has been little in evidence of late. The public has seen him most often as a stiff, smiling prop for the president on ceremonial occasions. But during the past week, all that has changed. The Bill-and-Al Roadshow is on the move again, and the vice-president, despite his famous rigidity and tailor's dummy appearance, has made his own individual bid for stardom.

In one 24-hour period, Mr Gore appeared on six different television shows, including the hugely popular *Late Show* with David Letterman. Mr Letterman, who was recently tempted away from NBC by CBS for some unmentionable sum, is a grinning, sardonic, would-be wit who likes to make his guests feel small. He wanted Bill or Hillary or Chelsea on his show, but Mr Gore was determined to go on and has emerged triumphant from the experience.

This triumph was achieved by the earnest preparation of a number of self-deprecating jokes, designed to prove that Mr Gore was not as boring as everybody imagined. "I'm so stiff I went for a checkup and the doctors declared me legally dead," the vice-president said at one point. Then he produced a Top Ten list of good things about being vice-president (No 3: "You get to eat all the french fries that president can't get to." No 7: "Close your left eye and the seal on the podium says 'President of the United States'.") It worked. Everyone thought he was great.

But there has been some tut-tutting. Mr Gore's encounter with Mr Letterman (whom, incidentally, Gore called a "pinhead" on air) is further evidence of the Clinton administration's preference for mindless popular TV as a platform for promoting its policy initiatives. "Ever since last spring, when Bill Clinton did his Elvis imitation for Don Imus [a downmarket radio host], and *Larry King Live* became the forum of choice for would-be presidents, it has been clear that politics and popular culture in this country were converging," said *The New York Times*. "Political debate, it seems, is no longer just a



matter of soundbites. It is a matter of hip soundbites. Let the coolest policies prevail."

This week's "cool" policy was, of course, the ambitious Gore plan to streamline the bloated federal government and make it both cheaper and more efficient. The plan, unveiled by Messrs Clinton and Gore at the White House last Tuesday in front of a huge mound of supposedly futile government regulations, would, among many other things, cut some 252,000 federal jobs by 1998, which is about 12 per cent of the federal payroll and therefore the equivalent of sacking some 66,000 British civil servants. It would close thousands of field offices of the departments of housing and agriculture (federal government offices in New York fill four pages of the Manhattan telephone book), and aims at savings over five years of $108 billion.

This sort of exercise has been attempted, to little effect, by many previous administrations, but this one is given a much greater chance of success by even such a conservative and anti-Clinton newspaper as *The Wall Street Journal*. This is because the mood of the country is thought to be now more hostile than ever before towards the federal government machine, and because most members of Congress broadly support the idea of a major overhaul (though it remains to be seen how they will react when their particular interests are threatened). But there is still much scepticism, and the only action Mr Clinton has taken so far came on Thursday, when he set up a new government board to monitor the activities of the 1,250 commissions, committees, boards, councils and advisory groups that already exist within the federal government.

In their double-act, now touring the nation, Mr Clinton adopts the lofty overview, while Mr Gore tries to keep the public entertained by displaying silly examples of government waste. His props include the "designer bug-spray" ordered to government specifications, the computer diskettes which cost the government $1.38 more than they sell for in the shops, and the government bottles of aspirin which have been inflated in price by bureaucratic paperwork.

But Mr Gore's biggest hit so far has been his demonstration on *The David Letterman Show* of the government's method of safety-testing its official ashtrays ("ash receivers, tobacco (desk type)"). "They actually specify the exact way people have to break this in order to test it," he told Mr Letterman, showing him a glass ashtray. "They have to count the number of pieces, and it can be no more than 35 pieces." Then they both put on goggles and smashed the ashtray with a hammer. The audience raved. "Heh, heh," said Mr Letterman. "Cool!"

Paul Wiles says police opposition to the Sheehy report should be supported by positive proposals

An own goal for the police trade union

The barrage of abuse heaped on the recommendations of the Sheehy enquiry into police pay and responsibilities barely merits the description of a public debate. It has been characterised by frequent misrepresentation and personal attacks on the chairman of the enquiry. Yet it has been effective and there are signs that the new home secretary, Michael Howard, believes that the report is too inflammatory to implement.

The lack of obvious political support for the enquiry has allowed the police's own view of how they should be organised to dominate the debate, despite declining public confidence. Not only are there public worries about corruption, miscarriages of justice and prejudice, but belief in the police's ability to deal with crime is lower than ever. Newspapers carry daily reports of vigilantism, which smacks of vendetta policing of a kind that the criminal law and public policing are designed to prevent.

Fortunately, vigilante action is still rare, but sections of the public, business and even local councillors are now so disillusioned with the police service that they are prepared to consider, and even offer, alternatives. In this political climate, it is unclear why the response to the Sheehy report has been so negative.

> Senior officers know that management changes could reduce crime

The architect of the campaign against the report is the Police Federation. Like any successful trade union, the federation sees its members' current terms and conditions of employment as hard-won rights which should not be renegotiable. However, the federation has really been galvanised by the fear of a loss of its own power and status.

The recommendation that there should be local pay bargaining was guaranteed to antagonise the federation, which depends crucially for its power on national pay bargaining. Implementing the recommendations to link pay to performance, remove many of the special and arcane police allowances and introduce a mechanism for removing incompetent officers (long resisted by the federation) would also reduce its influence.

The federation is a well-funded body which has run a clever and well-organised campaign. Under its influence, many senior police officers, civil servants, politicians, academics and commentators were persuaded to distance themselves from the report. The vehemence of the campaign has shifted the public position of the Association of Chief Police Officers from qualified support to outright opposition. This is curious. Chief officers have long complained that they were stuck with a management and budgetary structure that prevents them from managing their forces effectively. They could not be expected to welcome all the Sheehy recommendations, but they were expected to welcome the general approach. Indeed, they switched from support to opposition only when the federation's campaign persuaded them that Sheehy would damage morale in the ranks. But chief officers' association offered no coherent response, which has left the public with the impression of a police service dominated by the vested interests of a trade union.

Police at all levels have treated Sheehy as quite separate from the discontent about their effectiveness. They have argued for some time that the rise in crime is due to underlying social factors for which they are not responsible. It follows that crime levels are not a fair measure of police effectiveness, and that reorganisation is irrelevant to the problem. Now while it is true that crime is a reflection of broader social forces, it does not follow from this that policing has no effect on the level or nature of crime. Senior police officers know that they can affect crime, but only by making significant organisational and management changes.

If the police wish to regain public support, they must demonstrate why the Sheehy reorganisation would make their job of crime prevention and detection more difficult, *and* what alternative action they think would be more effective.

The Sheehy report is long: 250 pages of text and 132 of appendices, many of them written in a style that combines the worst of management jargon and Whitehall memoranda. One result has been a debate based on misreadings of the recommendations and misconceptions of what is in the report. The detailed recommendations vary from the perfectly sensible (removal of ancient allowances and simplification of the rank structure), to the problematic (performance-related pay and fixed-term contracts), to the politically foolish (removing existing pension rights from some of those already in the service).

However, the central objection which the police have raised is that the Sheehy committee failed to understand the special nature and ethos of British policing. This is a powerful argument to deploy.

In spite of falling public confidence, the hackneyed assertion that we have the best police in the world still resonates, and its very vagueness allows it to be deployed as an all-purpose, all-embracing dismissal. In fact, the report does refer to the special nature and ethos of British policing. But the enquiry was given only the narrow task of examining police responsibilities and rewards. As a result, the report is not imbued with a clear philosophy of policing.

The home secretary seems reluctant to encourage a broader debate about the nature and ethos of modern British policing. That spells disaster. The police federation has dominated the debate so far because the Sheehy report is mainly concerned with highly technical management issues, but its principal purpose is radically to reform management accountability throughout the police. That is of interest not to policemen alone, but to all of us, since it is a necessary precursor to better public accountability and hence to provision of the services we want.

The public cannot engage properly in the debate until the management changes outlined by Sheehy are put in the context of a vision of the future of policing in Britain. That is unlikely to happen without an indication from the home secretary that the political will exists for change.

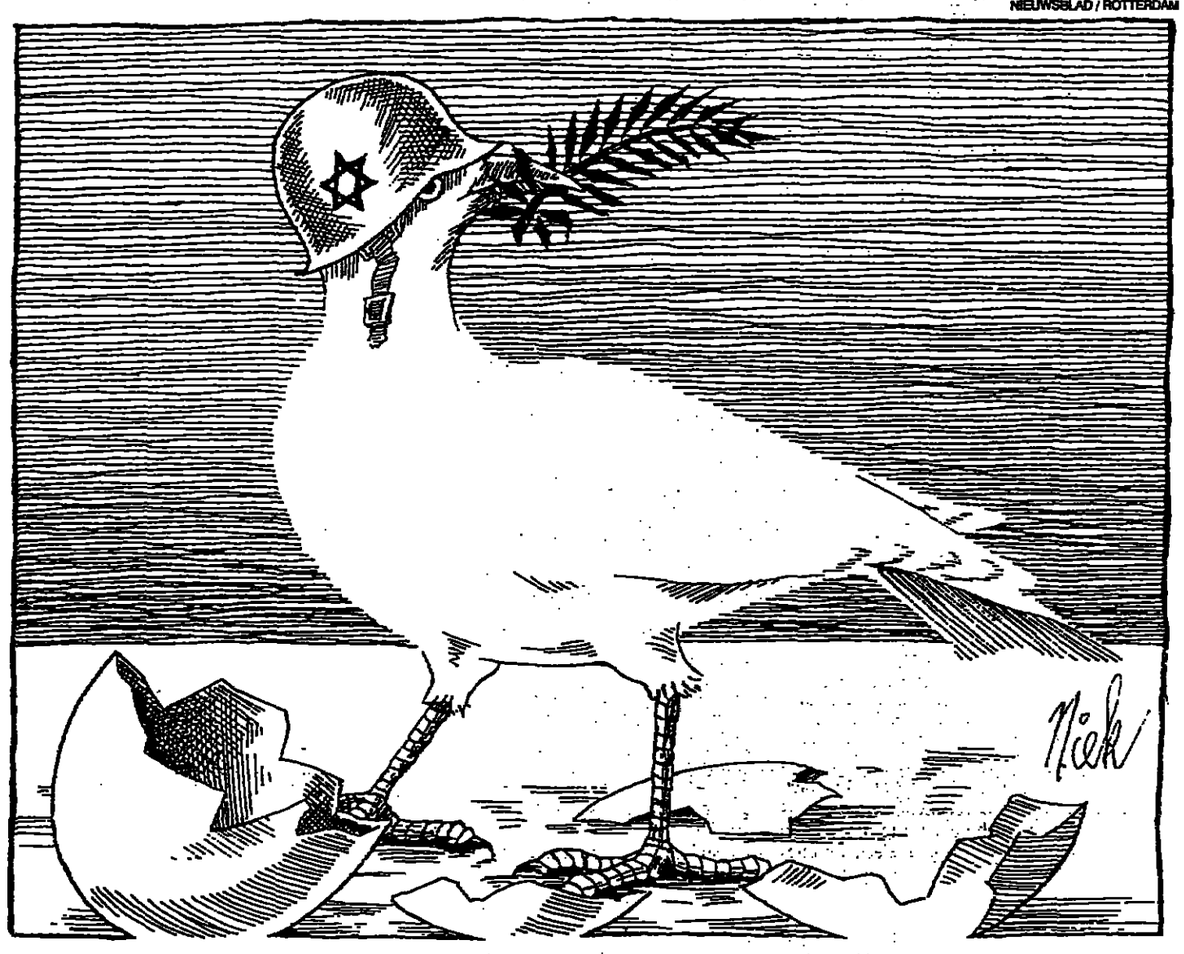
If the Police Federation achieves its aim of burying the Sheehy report, it will find it has won a Pyrrhic victory. Police reform will become politically impossible, and the public, despairing of the public police-forces, will turn elsewhere. That would do more damage to the interests of the federation's members than all the reforms proposed by the Sheehy report.

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Well-intentioned meddling in the Middle East only delayed the settlement

Worst efforts of diplomacy

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Despite all the efforts of the press, good news just won't go away. Yesterday's signing of the PLO-Israeli peace deal is good news. But how good? The world has only two tones of voice in which to tell its tale: euphoric or cataclysmic. There is no third category, good with qualification, good up to a point but let's wait and see.

This week's accord demands that third category. It is preliminary to good news. Like the week's other seminal event, an interim government for South Africa, there cannot be good news without it. But euphoria will merely make any succeeding bad news seem worse, like the headlines that hailed the downfall of the Soviet Union and now bewail its "collapse into anarchy".

As yet there is one sensible question to ask of the accord: why has it taken so long? Why have two small groups of people with a population no bigger than Scotland's been unable to see that they must live together or die together, and that the art of conversation exists to help them do so?

I have no doubt of the answer, and it is full of significance. This agreement would have been reached years ago had every Tom, Dick and Harry round the globe not made the Middle East his business. For a quarter-century, the outside world has proclaimed "initiatives" with the enthusiasm of medieval popes proclaiming crusades. We have meddled and mediated and nannied and abused and subsidised and armed and embargoed each and every participant.

Not all the blame lies with Washington's cravenness to the Zionist lobby or in the warped consciences of a *caravanserai* of oil-rich Arab states. The Middle East is where the French try out their latest weaponry, where everybody sells arms. "Sorting out the Middle East" has long been an obsession of Britain's Foreign Office. When the Argentinians were invading the Falklands, our foreign secretary was ludicrously engaged on yet another Middle East peace mission. How much of Douglas Hurd's time is spent trying to ordain the affairs of foreign states — of South Africa, of Israel, of Iraq, of Libya, even of Russia? And what is the EC's Bosnian peace effort if not the same craving to get a slice of the action, however counter-productive?

The last such meddling in the Middle East was James Baker's shuttle diplomacy, mimicking Henry Kissinger's two decades earlier. It led to the Madrid conference of two years ago and to similar media hyperbole. What a delicious irony it is that while that cavalcade was lumbering nowhere, a deal was being negotiated behind its back in total secrecy between Israel and the PLO, the body excluded from Madrid. The American secretary of state, Warren Christopher, was reported to be aghast. This was a breach of the Middle East peace cartel. Never has formal diplomacy appeared so superfluous.

Every effort will now be made to crush this delicate treaty by smothering it in international attention. VIPs will hurl themselves at Tel Aviv airport. Cameras will incite the youths of the intifada. The inane World Bank is talking of $4 billion of aid to Gaza and the West Bank over the next five years. This is likely to wreck the area's emergent economy and sure to corrupt its politicians. Inexplicably, British taxpayers are donating money to help a "Palestinian police force".

Washington's nose is so out of joint that President Clinton has already felt obliged to hijack the treaty with a signing ceremony at the White House. The last such ceremony, enshrining "the spirit of Camp David", also promised self-government to Gaza and the West Bank — 15 years ago. If this treaty is to hold, it should be signed in the streets of Jerusalem and the alleys of Gaza, where it must be enforced.

Simon Jenkins

There is a near certainty of bloodshed from extremists on both sides, not least as the PLO seeks to enforce its diminished writ in Gaza. Intervention has ossified Arab-Israeli politics for so long that few leaders have developed the art of compromise. Extremism has found sponsors everywhere. Only Israel's exhaustion with the intifada and Yassir Arafat's personal desperation have finally given compromise some ground in which to take root.

Perhaps it is unrealistic to wish that East and West had stayed aloof from the Palestine cauldron — as from former Yugoslavia. There are too many interests, too many cameras, too much money. But there was nothing inevitable about the crass Lebanese interventions, the squandering of American money on inflating the Israeli economy, the swamping of the region with weapons. There was no necessity for ceaseless Western peace missions, the glittering jets and microphone forests on the tarmac. When all the world is offering itself as broker and is ready to subsidise conflict, why should any Middle East politician risk his life making a sacrifice for peace?

Every study of ethnic conflict suggests that intervention by outside "policemen", either to restore order or to mediate peace, serves merely to postpone a necessary realignment of power. Intervention draws extremists out of the shadows and puts them on a pedestal. In Somalia it is drawing heroes from the very sewers of Mogadishu. In the case of South Africa, I believe the steady progress to democracy has been due mostly to the absence of such intervention. Black and white communities could not luxuriate in intransigence. Each has been wracked by extremism yet thrown up moderate leadership with a mandate to seek peace. But if President de Klerk and Nelson Mandela had been asked to parade at international peace talks in a distant capital, I am sure both would have been toppled by extremists.

In the Middle East (as in Bosnia and Northern Ireland), the presence of active mediators and the promise of post-settlement supervision have vitiated the process of compromise. A settlement eludes everyone because those present have developed a vested interest in the status quo, in the equilibrium of conflict. When Britain thought it had produced a devolved settlement in Belfast in 1974, signed in Sunningdale, the Unionist leadership was soon undermined by its constituents. Protestants settled instead for two decades of comfortably subsidised direct rule. In South Africa, the status quo is not an option. It has no sponsors.

Can we all now leave the Middle East alone? I wonder. Whenever we hear the phrase "Western peace initiative", we listen to the skeletons of failed empires rattling in the cupboard. The imperialism of morality is as invasive as that of might, perhaps more so. The message to draw from the news in Jerusalem is "Now leave them alone". We have been party to three decades of conflict. We have our own problems. This is their good news, not ours.

List, list, oh, list!

THE TIMES DIARY

WE DIARISTS know all about lists. We live, eat and breathe lists. And in particular we absolutely devour guest lists. A quick glimpse is enough to tell us everthing we need to know — who's in, who's out, who's on the way up and, best of all, who's on the slippery slope.

Not for such lists the dull convention of alphabetical order. When it is prominence that counts, the rules are simple: to be top is best, to be bottom is worrying. But to be on is everything.

Much depends too on which list you're on. There is the A list, which grants those who appear on it entry to society's most distinguished gatherings (royalty, Hollywood, Lord Archer). Suffice to say we humble scribblers are rarely invited to such exclusive functions, an omission that on occasions proves painful enough to prompt the feebler of our number to pretend otherwise.

Then there is the B list, gatherings of the self-proclaimed great and the good, the chattering classes, swanky publishers' parties — what you will. Diarists are always invited to these, in the hope that if we write about those present often enough they will eventually be upgraded to the A list. Finally there are the C-list parties, identified by frequent phone calls during the day from hosts who are "just checking" that you will be coming. And yes, I admit it, we go to those too — and talk to other diarists.

But gone are the days when it was only celebrities who came in lists. Now schools and hospitals vie for A and B-list status. But it does not stop there. Judge Tumim, I am sure, is already hard at work on his Top 20 prisons, as is Michael Howard on his selection of burglar-deterring plants. Eagerly awaited too is Nicholas Soames's Good Beef Guide.

But while the contents of lists are changing, basic interpretation stays the same. These may be the caring, sharing Nineties, but alphabetical order is showing no signs of a comeback. Top is good, bottom bad, to be on is still everything. Be it celebrities or hospitals, the rules are the same. Well, almost.

Everything started well. The list of schools graded by A-level results seemed to be obey all the normal rules — at least initially. Top was clearly good and anywhere near the bottom was, well, rather embarrassing. So embarassing, in fact, that for many of the schools in the lower ranks, being off the list would probably have been everything. Lists are indeed cruel masters. After all, just imagine slipping from an A-list ranking of 98th most popular celebrity to a B-list 210th because you'd run out of time on your multiple choice questionnaire from *Hello!*.

It got more complicated with the arrival of the GCSE league tables. Top is still good, but only, it seems, if you're a girl. Have the misfortune to be a 16-year-old boy, and not only are you doing very well to attend a school in the top 50, but you have to live with irrefutable evidence that your girlfriend is cleverer than you. Mind you, on reflection, it's probably best to come to terms with that early in life.

Ranking, however, is clearly infectious. Not content with having their offspring's academic achievements published for all to see, one group of parents is actively campaigning to reinstate a traditional school sports day, a year after the school authorities abolished it because defeat humiliated the losers. Never mind exams, the Top 500 fastest schools over 100 metres cannot be far away.

But no sooner has it become clear that at 16, B list stands for Boys, than along comes a new list to turn conventional analysis on its head. For to be top of the West Midlands Regional Health Authority's new list of consultants' waiting-lists (I'm afraid it gets more complicated) is bad — for waiting-lists are deemed to be bad things. To be near the bottom, with a shorter queue of patients, must therefore be good. It is in direction of these consultants then that we must rush our ailments. Mustn't we?

Well unless, of course, those at the top are the consultants with the best reputations, those everyone wants to be seen by, while those in the patient-free zone at the bottom are the doctors convinced that the best anaesthetic comes out of a gin bottle. Tricky stuff this list-reading.

Anyone still with lingering doubts on health-care could, of course, consult the week's most terrifying new list, which ranks hospitals by post-operative death rate. Here again the natural list order is reversed, in that those hospitals with the worst records are at the top, and those with the best at the bottom. Of some collective interest perhaps, but given the absolute nature of the event from the individual's point of view, is it really any comfort to know that your demise is statistically less likely than it would have been in the epidemic next door? No, when it comes to appearances on the D-list, top is bad, bottom is bad and to be on is, frankly, to be off — at least in terms of mortal coils.

Personally, I'm sticking with those C-list parties for as long as possible.

MATTHEW BOND



AT WAR WITH THE MEDIA

Blaming the press for selective war reporting is naive

Douglas Hurd is too urbane, too experienced a statesman to attack the media head-on. His tart speech to the Travellers' Club on Thursday night acknowledged that the luxury of secret diplomacy is all but over; that a broader public than a coterie of diplomats and politicians must now be involved in discussion of war and peace; and that the media are inevitably selective in what foreign wars they can report, what tragedies they choose to highlight. His accusation is not that the media have done a bad job, but by doing a job too well they have themselves become a factor in foreign policy.

On a day when triumph in the Middle East — the result of public pressure as well as secret diplomacy — has been shining from millions of television screens, his criticisms seem not only carping but naïve. Diplomacy is as much the art of convincing millions as of crafting ambiguous statements. The media are the intermediaries.

Criticism that reporters highlight some wars and ignore others, galvanise outrage over some atrocities while leaving others unchecked, is as old as war itself. Without detailed, even sensational, reporting of the horrors of Scutari, the stupidity of the Crimean campaign would never have exacted a political toll. The blundering at Gallipoli, Stalin's genocide against the Ukrainians, the My Lai massacre, the famine in Ethiopia, all became political issues thanks only to the investigations of a few reporters. Thousands of other cases of depravity remain unknown because they were unreported. It was Mr Hurd himself who defended the selection of a few Bosnian children for treatment in Britain by noting that "because you can't help everybody doesn't mean you shouldn't help somebody."

His other point is a more general one, often voiced by politicians: journalists are only armchair strategists. They do not have to carry the can for potentially disastrous decisions. They do not have to order men into battle. Press fickleness in clamouring first for one policy and then for the opposite should that prove unpopular does not incur the penalty of opprobrium and electoral defeat. Bosnia is a valid example. The zigzags in editorial policy and the myriad solutions proffered to Western governments reflect the confusion in public opinion — and there is something hypocritical about blaming governments that are similarly confused.

The foreign secretary goes further, however. He insists that reporting events nowadays creates new circumstances. Military salvos are launched, demonstrations held, victims weep and demagogues rant because the world is watching. Does that mean that the camera should be turned off? Does it imply reporting restrictions in order to calm tempers? Mr Hurd did not say so. But his insistence that viewers should be warned that they are not seeing reality is unjustified by experience. Brave reports from Bosnia are not staged; the public has seen, unvarnished, enough horror as it occurs.

The work of a diplomat or politician has been changed utterly by the revolution in communications. It is more taxing now: so much time spent in explanation, so much more pressure from the reading and viewing public. But those whose attitude is governed by Wilde's *bon mot* — "In the old days men had the rack; now they have the press" — have failed to understand that although unelected, unaccountable and immodest, the media are now part of the political process.

The press does not have its own agenda; it is the forum in which public opinion finds expression. Mr Hurd pours scorn on the "something-must-be-done" school of journalism because it is he, not the commentators, who must do something. But that is what he and his fellows in government are elected to do. Democracy pays its leaders to lead, not to read the press cuttings.

MARCH OF THE QUANGO

Local democracy underpins the unwritten constitution

Labour's new "quango watch" campaign monitoring the growth of the "unelected state" is a routine political stunt, but one which should encourage serious constitutional debate. The Opposition's own record is not beyond reproach: there were 2,410 quangos employing more than 1 million people when Labour left office. But Jack Straw, shadow environment secretary, is right to highlight the alarming increase in taxpayers' money spent by unelected bodies and the Tories' reversal of their commitment in 1979 to end government by quango.

The massive transfer of powers from local government to unelected agencies is the hidden revolution of the past 14 years. Urban development corporations, housing action trusts, further education colleges and grant-maintained schools are among the bodies that have assumed roles previously played by local authorities. Elected councillors have been excluded from health authorities and will in future play a smaller part in the running of the police. Quangos now account for about a fifth of public spending.

This is partly a consequence of the political excesses of municipal socialism in the 1980s and the sheer amateurism of many councils. To an extent, town halls have themselves to blame. Nor is the change all bad: the best grant-maintained schools are far more responsive to parents than councils could ever be. But the hostility to local government of many Conservatives is now disproportionate. The emergence of what the academic John Stewart has called a "new magistracy" of unelected place-holders is a disturbing development, hostile to the government's professed belief in subsidiarity.

Ministers must clarify precisely what they understand by "local accountability". In a speech in July, William Waldegrave, the public service minister, argued that there was "no guarantee that by periodically expressing his or her democratic decision at the ballot box, the citizen will necessarily obtain efficient. . .public services". This cannot be denied: no vote has ever been a guarantee of anything. But it is wrong to suggest, as Mr Waldegrave did, that the consumer rights promised in the citizen's charter make local services sufficiently accountable. This is to confuse consumerism with democracy. The ability of people to influence the way their communities are run through local politics is an essential part of the unwritten constitution.

Ministers need to explore ways of making existing quangos more accountable. The governing bodies of grant-maintained schools should include more directly elected parents; the functions of the new funding agency for schools — potentially the biggest quango of them all — should be kept to a minimum; the chairmen of the restructured police authorities should be locally appointed after a few years of the new system; the Audit Commission should be given access to far more information about quangos.

As a corollary, the work of elected councils must be professionalised. The work of Sir John Banham's enquiry into the structure of local government will reduce the number of councillors considerably: an opportunity to increase their allowances, focus their individual responsibilities and reform council committees, which are more often talking shops than effective executive bodies. To halt the march of the quango, local authorities must show that they can do better.

SUFFERING CHILDREN

Adults have it in their power to stop school bullying

You arrive at work on the first day of your new job. As you approach your new colleagues they start to taunt you: "Fatty!" You ask for directions to the lavatory and a man spits in your face. When you return, you find foul words scrawled over your papers. Finally, when you walk past your boss's desk, he sticks his foot out, trips you up and you break an arm.

Is this the sort of behaviour an adult should expect to have to put up with? If you complained to the personnel manager, would he accuse you of sneaking? Or tell you to grow up? Of course not. Why then do so many adults expect children simply to grin and bear it when they are bullied at school?

Yesterday it emerged that a 19-year-old Scottish girl is suing Lothian education authority for failing to protect her against a bullying campaign which included degrading physical assaults of a sexual nature. The school has so far refused to comment. But even if this case fails, there are undoubtedly many teachers who refuse to help children who are bullied.

Human rights are not confined to grown-ups. Yet many adults experience a sort of moral dislocation when they confront bullying. They would not accept verbal or physical abuse directed against themselves. But they urge such acceptance on their pupils or children.

All sorts of arguments are used: suffering bullying is part of growing up; we were bullied and it has not hurt us; children should not tell tales; bullying is just horseplay; or victims should learn to stand up for themselves.

Teachers sometimes connive with bullies. They may pick on the victims to win popularity with other pupils. If children pluck up courage to complain, teachers often do not believe them, do not want to know, or do not care. Head teachers are sometimes wary of admitting that bullying exists for fear of harming the reputation of the school.

Many adults, even if they feel uncomfortable about bullying, are defeatist. Boys will be boys, they say (or girls, girls). Nothing can be done to prevent it. But the absurdity of the example used at the beginning of this leader shows that something can be done. In a culture in which bullying is socially unacceptable, it is far rarer. Turn a blind eye to it, and given human nature (in adults as well as children), it is more liable to occur.

In Norway, bullying has been halved by a concerted campaign against it. Most important is to change the culture in schools. Pupils and teachers alike should be encouraged to be forthright in condemning bullying and supporting victims.

In 1857, Thomas Hughes published *Tom Brown's Schooldays*, a fictional account of his own experiences at Rugby, which included terrifying scenes of bullying. More than a century later, schools are not hugely better. Children still suffer, occasionally with serious or even fatal result. Adults have it in their power to reduce this suffering. But until they overcome their moral ambivalence, the abuse will continue.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Recipe for calm in our prisons

From Mr Julian Ellis

Sir, One of the difficulties we all face with changes to society is the feeling that we are insignificant as individuals. I am convinced that this is a major factor causing the kind of rioting, both inside and outside prison, that has just occurred at Wymott, near Leyland (report, September 7).

Rioting helps a depersonalised individual, feeling more like a number than a person, to have an identity. The element of showing off in front of one's peers, whilst damaging the surroundings that caused the frustration, also gives a rioter a sense of achievement, perhaps for the first time.

In dealing with people who offend against society the more successful treatments are those which make offenders feel valued. The high success rate of the probation services compared with other methods of tackling offending behaviour indicates this. Prison regimes that treat offenders as people rather than anonymous inmates tend to be the more successful. Such prisons are often the smaller ones.

We must not lose sight of the recommendation made in the Woolf report on the 1990 prison disturbances to develop community prisons, which are small and serve the local area, and to split establishments into smaller units. Although community prisons will take many years to develop fully, the idea looks like being the best way towards more stable prisons. Meanwhile we must not allow implementation of the other recommendations of the report to be sidetracked.

Yours sincerely,
JULIAN ELLIS
(Chairman, The Association of Members of Boards of Visitors),
2 Arnold Lane, Gedling, Nottingham.
September 7.

Bottled water

From Professor George Solt

Sir, With two quite different qualities on the market, there is indeed public confusion about bottled drinking waters (*Times* investigation reports, September 6). The law says that sources of "mineral water" must be natural, have passed strict tests over a long period, and be carefully protected. Except for carbonation, nothing may be added or taken away.

Bottled waters not described as "mineral" have no such restrictions. They may well be of worse quality than tap water. In law they are classed with soft drinks such as those compounded of fruit juice, sweetener and preservatives.

Bacterial contents are a different matter, but they need not be. Natural waters usually contain at least a few harmless bacteria. In suitable conditions they multiply rapidly: it does not even take a pair of them to breed!

A few weeks on a nice warm supermarket shelf can bring a huge rise in the bug count. Only special precautions would ensure that this does not happen, but nobody at present is taking them.

Yours faithfully,
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Olney, Buckinghamshire.
September 6.

Union votes

From Mr David Kemp, QC

Sir, Your article in today's issue, "A new place for strife", raises interesting questions. If, as the result of his promises to trade unions, John Smith achieves his aim of "one member, one vote" (Omov), he will have gained a victory unlikely to be reversed. For the union block vote will no longer be available to alter the Labour party conference's decision.

On the other hand, over the period between now and the next election, promises of intended action can well be ignored if the proposed action contains the seeds of electoral unpopularity. The achievement of Omov and the devaluation of rash promises may result in a marked increase of Labour's popularity with the ordinary voter.

Yours faithfully,
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September 9.

Tory finances

From Mr T. C. Villiers

Sir, As you state in your report of September 7 (later editions) on the Conservative party's financial situation, the figures given for Greater London were compiled three weeks before the end of the financial year.

May I point out that Battersea Conservative Association did pay its full quota for 1992-3 (£3,562), albeit not until March 25. This conforms with our normal timing. Conservatives in Battersea are proud of their record of paying their full quota to the party for the past 17 years.

Yours faithfully,
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Deaths after surgery: doubts on value of a 'league table'

From the Chairman of the National Confidential Enquiry into Perioperative Deaths

Sir, Jeremy Laurance's coverage (September 8) of the latest report of the National Confidential Enquiry into Perioperative Deaths (NCEPOD) was juxtaposed with a league table of hospital death rates for various health authorities, leading your readers to conclude that the table came from NCEPOD. It did not.

Furthermore, the figures on which the table was based, and which Mr Laurance states came from the Department of Health, are very suspect.

Linking NCEPOD with these figures implies a grave breach of confidentiality on our part, which we firmly deny. When the overall perioperative mortality is only about 0.6 per cent these league table figures are virtually meaningless, but exceedingly worrying for any of your readers.

Yours etc,
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September 8.

From Mr George Howd and Mr Richard G. Notley

Sir, We take the NCEPOD reports very seriously because their rigorous statistical methodology is fully explained to us. We have serious doubts about the statistical methodology used for Department of Health tables, mainly because it has never been explained to us.

Nor do we believe the results as published are particularly revealing, the endorsement by Mr Brendan Devlin of the Royal College of Surgeons notwithstanding.

What, for example, are the national averages with which comparisons are made — 1:100; 1:1,000,000; or something in between?

What is the standard deviation of the results as published, and what, therefore, are the 1 per and 5 per cent confidence limits?

Since the hospital with which we are associated showed up particularly well in the general surgery table which you published on April 28 (17th best out of 200) and, although slightly below average, is well within the middle range in the new table, we can reasonably claim that we have no axes to grind.

Yours faithfully,
GEORGE HOWD (Chairman),
RICHARD G. NOTLEY
(Medical Director),
The Royal Surrey County Hospital,
Egerton Road, Guildford, Surrey.

From Dr J. S. Milledge

Sir, The public delights in league tables such as the one you published yesterday because they appeal to our national sporting instinct and the government and media feed this appetite.

However, whereas a football league table is based on clear and unequivocal evidence of success — win, lose or draw — tables of success in schools or hospitals are a very different matter. Even tables of school exam results depend so much on the quality of student entry that they tell one little about how well the school has performed in relation to the type of intake.

In hospitals it is even more difficult. Death rates would seem to be an objective measure of "success"; but its value depends very largely on what sort of cases a surgeon takes on and the quality of the raw data, which come from the hospitals themselves and are gathered by a volunteer "reporter", usually a busy consultant. The more diligent the consultant is in collecting this data the worse the hospital will appear in your table.

Yours sincerely,
J. S. MILLEDGE
(Medical Director),
Northwick Park Hospital,
Watford Road, Harrow, Middlesex.
September 9.

From Mr Derrick J. B. Platt

Sir, I have read with concern your misleading report on the death rate statistics issued by the Department of Health. According to your correspondent, these show Eastbourne to be "among the riskiest" hospitals for the treatment of appendicitis and abdominal surgery.

This allegation has apparently been reached by merging the conclusions of the NCEPOD report and a table of death rates issued by the Department of Health. It is entirely false and will only cause our patients unnecessary distress.

The facts are that there have only been nine deaths in the last five years amongst residents in Eastbourne health district from the conditions in question; of those nine, only three were treated in Eastbourne and only one died following surgery at the district general hospital. Comparisons based on such low figures are bound to be statistically misleading.

I should add that the standard of treatment given by the consultants in this hospital, which serves a population of over 250,000, is second to none.

Yours faithfully,
DERRICK PLATT (Chairman,
Eastbourne Hospitals NHS Trust),
Eastbourne District
General Hospital,
Kings Drive,
Eastbourne, East Sussex.

From Mr Peter Grimaldi

Sir, Mr Brendan Devlin was right to urge *The Times* to publish the Department of Health's table of mortality rates following abdominal surgery (1991-2), but only because the publication of this data can act as a catalyst to ensure that health service indicators are relevant and accurate. The major flaw in this particular set of data is that it relates to events which took place during the five-year period up to 1991-2. Much has happened in the NHS in that time.

For example, in the Isle of Wight (one of the 84 districts showing an apparently worse-than-average mortality rate) surgery was carried out on four different hospital sites, including two cottage hospitals, until April 1992. No intensive care facilities were available at any of them. We now have one modern hospital for all NHS surgery, with dedicated intensive care facilities, and I suspect (but cannot prove) that the next league table published will show that we have improved our position very substantially.

What patients really want to know is how a hospital is performing *now*, not five years ago. To paraphrase the words of the financial services salesmen: "Past performance is not necessarily a guide to future performance."

Yours sincerely,
PETER GRIMALDI
(Clinical Director, Surgical Services),
St Mary's Hospital,
Newport, Isle of Wight.

Praise of wine merchants, but not their terms of trade

From Lieutenant Colonel Ralph Campbell

Sir, Admittedly we live in an age which prefers to damn than to praise, but your leading article (September 3) in dispraise of wine merchants at one blow degrades wine, the English language ("oeno-cads" and "vinipotes", forsooth) and your own reputation for common sense. You have an excellent and sensible wine correspondent of long standing. Did you not consult her before relying on the strength of a story in the *Which? Wine Guide*?

Having been drinking their wares for well over half a century, I am convinced that it is almost entirely due to our wine merchants that we enjoy a choice of quality wines unrivalled in the world. The wine trade is also intensely competitive, happily for us drinkers. A merchant behaving as you suggest ("of orotund speech and hectoring mien") would be daft, or soon bankrupt, or both.

Successive Chancellors, though quick to clobber the rest of us with Brussels dictates, have studiously refrained from bringing wine tax into line with our Common Market neighbours. That is another story. Please write it.

Yours sincerely,
RALPH CAMPBELL,
Chasehayes, Stockland,
Honiton, Devon.
September 3.

From Miss Jane Cranston

Sir, Her Majesty's government have beaten *The Times* to it in its apparent wish to abolish the wine merchant and they are succeeding where recessions and supermarkets have failed. They have created that most effective of commercial death knells, unfair competition. I speak of excise duty. You and your readers can, and do in your thousands, climb into your cars, buses and vans and cross the Channel, to return proudly carrying wines and beers costing 30, 50 or 100 per cent less than the same wines in the UK.

Why? Because you, the upright citizen, can avoid paying the £1.16 (99p duty, plus the VAT on that duty) tax that we, the merchant or the supermarket, have to pay on every bottle that we import.

The outcry against the poll tax was partly based on its unfairness. The grossly unequal excise duties in a "free" market may be less emotive, but they are arguably even more unfair.

Yours faithfully,
JANE CRANSTON
(Managing Director,
Steven Garnier Ltd),
Grape Ideas,
3-5 Hythe Bridge Street, Oxford.
September 8.

From Miss Helen Thomson

Sir, I welcome Simon Jenkins's attack on "winespeak" ("Please put a cork in it", September 4) but I wonder whether he has the right target in his sights.

We wine merchants ask ourselves whether a wine tastes of its grape variety and its region. Our vocabulary is pretty dull. The florid drivel which rightly appals Mr Jenkins is written by your fellow journalists.

Yours faithfully,
HELEN THOMSON,
64 Southwark Bridge Road, SE1.
September 4.

From Mr Richard Butterfield

Sir, Simon Jenkins has hit the nail on the head: the flights of fancy indulged in by some wine writers and broadcasters are meaningless and absurd. I recall with dismay one such, who stated that a certain Gewürztraminer reminded him of "Granny's face-powder".

Metaphors in relation to wine are a wholly different story, however. As Mr Jenkins recalls, André Simon once described a Chablis as having the "grace of a silver willow". Better still, H. Warner Allen, writing almost 40 years ago of an Oxford tasting at around the turn of the century, pictured a Château Lafite 1864 as having "opened itself in the mouth like all the splendours of the peacock's tail".

I had the privilege of drinking that glorious wine shortly after its hundredth birthday: its complex beauty was perfectly matched by the metaphor.

I am, Sir, your obedient servant,
RICHARD BUTTERFIELD,
Old Forge Cottage, High Street,
Hemingford Abbots,
Cambridgeshire.
September 6.

From Mrs T. J. Mason

Sir, I am grateful to the creators of modern "winespeak" and sorry for Simon Jenkins. We all owe a debt to those who have tried to demystify wine by likening its subtle and varied flavours to tastes we know and I, for one, have no problems with "bananaey" and "chocolatey".

Simon Jenkins's real problem seems to be that he regards wine as either nice or nasty and that its subtleties are lost on him.

Yours faithfully,
T. JANE MASON,
Cannon Cottage, Well Road,
Hampstead, NW3.
September 4.

Love and self-restraint

From the Suffragan Bishop of Repton

Sir, It was presumably the restraint on space which caused Canon Anthony Harvey to leave so much unsaid in his "Credo" (September 5). Religions may well not be "in the business of imposing sanctions and restraints"; but the founder of the Christian religion was to demonstrate that the love that "beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things" requires a self-discipline and a self-restraint which may lead even to death.

Furthermore, Christ made clear that he expects his followers to emulate his example: "If any man would come after me, let him deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me." Christian leaders are doing the younger generation, in particular, no favour if they lead it to believe that, to quote the Beatles' song of a generation ago, "All you need is love".

Yours faithfully,
†HENRY REPTON,
Repton House, Lea,
Matlock, Derbyshire.
September 7.

Rabbit roasting

From Dr P. R. Cullen

Sir, Your editorial, "Rabbit, run on" (September 4), gave a gratuitous push to the Beatrix Potter bandwagon. I looked in vain for a drop of vitriol, and wonder if you have tried reading the stuff lately (letters, September 8).

Today's small children are much regaled with B. Potter iconry, which creates a delightfully cosy middle-class nursery idyll. Since both the stories and the idyll somehow bypassed my own 1940s childhood, I was looking forward to reading them to my daughters.

It was therefore disappointing to find that while the illustrations may be beguiling enough at knee-level, many of the stories are wretched little tales and often unreadable drivel of a rather lower standard than *Noddy*. Yet it is *Peter Rabbit*, not *Noddy*, who features in the national curriculum.

Is there no literary pillar prepared to stand up and say "Tom Kitten has no clothes"?

Yours sincerely,
PHILIPPA CULLEN,
64 Warwick Square, SW1.

Sir, I refer . . .

From Mr L. A. Yeats

Sir, Unlike Bernard Levin ("Orl present and korrect", September 7) I have learned to master dictionaries. I can open one, find the word I want and close it again although, sometimes on a bad day, only with trembling hands and eyes tight shut.

My weakness is for reference books, some of which are now old friends. Many years ago I fell into Betty Radice's *Who's Who in the Ancient World* and have never since been able to get out. The multiple references to art, literature, drama, music, etc are endlessly fascinating and I can spend hours tracking them down.

Are others similarly afflicted and, if so, by which books?

Yours faithfully,
L. A. YEATS,
6 Blenheim Mansions,
Brixton Hill, SW2.
September 7.

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COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
September 10: The Prince Edward, President, the Lord's Taverners, this evening attended the Lady Taverners' Summer Ball, the Hotel Inter-Continental, Hyde Park Corner, London W1.

Lieutenant Colonel Sean O'Dwyer was in attendance.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
September 10: The Princess Royal this morning attended the Golden Jubilee Congress of the Hospital Physicists' Association (incorporating the Annual Conference of the Institute of Physical Sciences in Medicine) at Victoria Rooms, Bristol, and was received by Mr Peter Durie (Deputy Lieutenant of Avon).

Her Royal Highness, Patron, the Home Farm Trust, later attended a Business Update Meeting at Merchants House, Wapping Road, Bristol.

The Princess Royal, Visitor, the Dorothy House Foundation Macmillan Service, this afternoon visited patients at Dorothy House, 164 Bloomfield Road, Bath.

Mrs Charles Ritchie was in attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE
September 10: The Princess of Wales, Colonel-in-Chief, The Princess of Wales's Royal Regiment (Queen's and Royal Hampshires), *this morning* received Lieutenant Colonel Christopher Argent upon relinquishing his appointment as Commanding Officer, 5th Battalion, and Lieutenant Colonel Robert Russell upon assuming the appointment.

KENSINGTON PALACE
September 10: The Duke of Gloucester, President, British Consultants Bureau, this morning received His Excellency the Ambassador of Ukraine (Professor Sergui Komisarenko).

YORK HOUSE
ST JAMES'S PALACE
September 10: The Duke of Kent, Colonel-in-Chief, the Royal Regiment of Fusiliers, this evening attended the Annual Regimental Dinner at Hythe Mess, the School of Infantry, Warminster, Wiltshire.

Captain Alex Tetley, Scots Guards, was in attendance.

Marriages

Mr E.K. Pianim
and Ms E. Murdoch
Elisabeth Murdoch, the daughter of Rupert and Anna Murdoch, of Beverly Hills, California, was married on September 10 to Elkin Kwesi Pianim, a son of A. Kwame and Cornelia Pianim, of Accra, Ghana. John J. Ward, Auxiliary Bishop of Los Angeles, officiated at St Timothy's Church, Los Angeles.

Ms Murdoch, 25, is keeping her name. She is the manager of *program acquisitions* for Fox Basic Cable in Los Angeles. Fox Cable is owned and operated by The News Corporation, based in Sydney, Australia. Ms Murdoch and her fiancé graduated from Vassar College. *Her father* is The News Corporation's chairman and chief executive. Her mother is the author of three novels. Ms Murdoch is the granddaughter of the late Sir Keith Murdoch and of Dame Elisabeth Murdoch, of Melbourne, Australia.

Mr Pianim, 23, was until recently an associate in the corporate finance department of Rothschild Inc in New York, the investment bank. His father is a financier in Accra and the campaign co-ordinator of the New Patriotic Party there. He was a political prisoner in Ghana from 1983 until 1992.

Mr P.J.G. Lee
and Miss J.C. Harrison
The marriage took place on September 4, 1993, at St Mary Magdelene Church, Reigate, Surrey, between Peter John Gorringe, *eldest son of Mr and* Mrs Michael Lee, of Great Coxwell, Oxfordshire, and Julia Caren, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Peter Harrison, of Reigate, Surrey.

Mr R.St J. Reid
and Miss T.K. Henderson
The marriage took place on September 4, 1993 at The Church of Our Lady, St Martin, Jersey, between Robert St John, second son of Dr and Mrs John Reid, of Trinity, Jersey, CI, and Teresa Karen, second daughter of Mr and Mrs F. Henderson, of St Helier, Jersey, CI.

Dinner

Arts Club
A dinner took place on Tuesday at the Arts Club, Dover Street, in honour of Professor Carel Weight, CBE, RA, on the occasion of his 85th birthday. Sir Roger de Grey, KCVO, President of the Royal Academy, proposed a toast to Professor Weight, and Mr David Wolfers, MC, and Mr Mick Rooney, RA, *also spoke. Mr Julian Halsby* was in the Chair.



TIM OCKENDEN / PA

The first of 100,000 special Red Beret tulip bulbs arrived yesterday at The Parachute Regiment headquarters in Aldershot. They are a gift from the Dutch to help to finance a parachute jump next year by 100 veterans to mark the 50th anniversary of the Battle of Arnhem. The bulbs were handed over to three Parachute Regiment veterans, Sid Gough, 70, left, Geoffrey Holmes, 73, and Sammy Norton, 72

Forthcoming marriages

Mr J.M. Addy
and Miss H.L. Tottman
The engagement is announced between John, son of Mr and Mrs A.F. Addy, of Huddersfield, Yorkshire, and Helen, eldest daughter of the late Mr M.E. Tottman, and of Mrs P.C.A. Tottman, of Catford, London.

Mr R.W. Beiny
and Miss A. Sperring
Mrs Margaret Sperring is very pleased to announce the engagement of her only daughter Alison Lesley to Robert Warren, younger son of Mr and Mrs Gerald Beiny, of Woodside Park, London.

Mr S.P.C. Berry
and Miss M. Demetriou
The engagement is announced between Silas Philip Christopher, younger son of Professor Sir Colin and Lady Berry, of Dulwich, and Maria, elder daughter of Mrs Demetria Demetriou, of Koma tou Yialou, Famagusta, Cyprus.

Mr P.R.B. Eastick
and Miss T.L. Farmiloe
The engagement is announced between Peter, son of Mr and Mrs Ronald Eastick, of Taplow, Buckinghamshire, and Tania, daughter of Mr and Mrs Michael Farmiloe, of Maidenhead, Berkshire.

Mr I.D. Ferguson
and Miss R.J. Montagnon
The engagement is announced between Ian, son of Mr and Mrs Andrew Ferguson, of Ewhurst, Surrey, and Rachel, daughter of Mr and Mrs Christopher Montagnon, of Wimbledon, London.

Mr I.R. Mason
and Miss S.M.C. Beckett
The engagement is announced between Ian, only son of Mr and Mrs Robin Mason, of Stratford-upon-Avon, and Samantha, only daughter of Mr and Mrs William Beckett, of Brooks Green, West Sussex.

Mr T. Coker
and Miss P.D. Viney
The engagement is announced between Troy, second son of Mr and Mrs V. Coker, of Brisbane, Australia, and Pernille, only daughter of Mr and Mrs J.R.D. Viney, of Steventon, Oxfordshire.

M E. Lefeubvre
and Miss T. Wilkinson
Mr and Mrs Roy Wilkinson, of East Grinstead, are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter Tessa, to Eric, son of M and Mme Patrick Lefeubvre, of Paris.

Mr I.G. Lunn
and Miss Z.B. Marchington
The engagement is announced between Ian, son of Dr and Mrs Angus Lunn, of Newcastle, and Zena, daughter of Mr and Mrs Myles Marchington, of Didmarton, Gloucestershire.

Mr A.C. Tomlinson
and Miss J.L. Birger
The engagement is announced between Crispin, son of Canon and Mrs Geoffrey Tomlinson, of Brookhouse, Lancashire, and Juliet, daughter of Mr and Mrs Philip Birger, of Chalfont St Giles, Buckinghamshire.

Mr R.J.C. Ward
and Miss K.L. Rissbrook
The engagement is announced between Robert, son of Mr and Mrs Peter Ward, of Lubstree Park, Shropshire, and Kate, daughter of Mr and Mrs Tim Rissbrook, of Albrighton, Shropshire.

Service reception

RAF Strike Command
Air Chief Marshal Sir John Thomson, AOCinC RAF Strike Command, and Lady Thomson received the guests at the Headquarters Strike Command annual reception held yesterday at RAF High Wycombe.

Anniversaries

Today
BIRTHS: Pierre de Ronsard, poet, Vendôme, 1525; Henri de la Tour d'Auvergne, Vicomte de Turenne, Marshal of France, Sedan, 1611; Mrs Elizabeth Rowe, poet, Ilchester, Somerset, 1674; James Thomson, poet and author of *The Seasons*, Ednam, Roxburghshire, 1700; Arthur Young, agriculturist, London, 1741; Thomas Barnes, Editor of *The Times* 1817-41, London, 1785; O. Henry (William Sydney Porter), short story writer, Greenboro, North Carolina, 1862; Sir James Jeans, mathematician and astronomer, London, 1877; D.H. Lawrence, novelist, Eastwood, Nottinghamshire, 1885.

DEATHS: James Harrington, political theorist, London, 1677; Giovanni Cassini, astronomer, Paris, 1712; John Brand, antiquary and topographer, London, 1806; Sir Francis Baring, banker, Lee, Kent, 1810; David Ricardo, economist, Gatcombe Park, Gloucestershire, 1823; Thomas Graham, chemist, London, 1869; Anthero de Quental, poet, Azores, 1891; Mohammed Ali Jinnah, 1st Governor-General of Pakistan 1947-48, Karachi, 1948; Jan Christian Smuts, field marshal, Prime Minister of South Africa 1919-24 and 1939-48, near Pretoria, 1950; Robert Service, poet and novelist, Lancieux, 1958; Nikita Khrushchev, Premier of the USSR 1958-64, Moscow, 1971; Salvador Allende, President of Chile 1970-3, killed during a military coup, Santiago, 1973.

Tomorrow
BIRTHS: Sir William Dugdale, Garter King of Arms 1677-86, Shustoke, Warwickshire, 1605; John William Fletcher, clergyman, Nyon, Switzerland, 1729; Herbert Henry Asquith, 1st Earl of Oxford and Asquith, Prime Minister 1908-16, Morley, Yorkshire, 1852; H.L. Mencken, writer, Baltimore, Maryland, 1880; Maurice Chevalier, singer, Paris, 1888; Louis MacNeice, poet, Belfast, 1907; Jesse Owens, athlete, Danville, Alabama, 1913.

DEATHS: Francois Couperin (*Le Grand*), harpsichordist, Paris, 1733; Jean-Philippe Rameau, organist and composer, Paris, 1764; Gebhard von Blucher, field marshal, Silesia, 1819; Leonid Andreyev, novelist, Kuokkala, Finland, 1919; Robert Lowell, poet, New York, 1977.

Steve Biko, first President of the South African Students Organisation, died in jail, Pretoria, 1977.

Royal engagements

TODAY: Prince Edward, as Patron of the Ocean Youth Club, will open the Southampton International Boat Show at 10.45.

Church services tomorrow

CANTERBURY CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; 9.30 M & Admission of King's Scholars, Rev A C J Phillips; 11 S Euch, Missa Festiva (Peeters), I sat down under his shadow (Bairstow), The Dean; 3.15 E, Responses (Rose), Wood in E flat, Richte mich Gott (*Mendelssohn*), *Rev B Chalmers*; 6.30 ES for South Lympne Deanery, The Dean.

CARLISLE CATHEDRAL: 10.30 S Euch, The walk to the Paradise garden (Delius), O quam gloriosum (Victoria), Ubi caritas (Duruflé), Sonata No.1 in F (Stanford), Canon Rex Chapman; 3 E, Responses (Smith), Jesus Service (Mathias), Thy word is a lantern (Purcell), Toccata (Hare; 6.30 NP, The Dean.

CHELMSFORD CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; 9.30 Parish Communion & Parade, Rev Jacqui Jones; 11.15 M, Reponses (Smith), Collegium Regale (Howells), The Provost; 6 Choral E, Responses (Smith), Canticles (Byrd Second Service), Where thou reignest (Schubert), Canon David Knight.

CHESTER CATHEDRAL: 7.45 Litany (St Erasmus Chapel); 8 HC; 9 King's School HC (Lady Chapel); 10 M, Te Deum (Ireland in F), Benedictus, Canon Christopher Biddell; 11.30 Euch, O worship the Lord (Travers), Jackson in G; 3.30 Choral E, Responses (Ayleward), Wood in E flat, Rejoice in the Lord (Purcell), Amen (Naylor), Voluntary: Flourish for an occasion (Harris); 6.30 E, Canon Christopher Biddell.

DURHAM CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; 10 M, *Britten in C, Oculi omnium in te* sperant (Wood), The Precentor; 11.15 HC, Missa O quam gloriosum est regnum (Victoria), Adoro te devote, The Precentor; 3.30 E & Commemoration of the Battle of Britain, God is our strength, Wood in E flat, My soul, there is a country (Parry), Rev Canon David Whittington.

ELY CATHEDRAL: 8.15 HC; 10.30 S Euch, Coronation Mass (Mozart), Above all praise (Mendelssohn), Organ: Carillon (Murrill), Canon Rone; 3.45 E, Preces (Leighton), Collegium Magdalenae Oxoniense (Leighton), Et resurrexit (Dalby), Organ: Alleluyas (Preston)

LEICESTER CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; 1 MP; 10.30 S Euch, Darke in E, A Gaelic Blessing (Rutter), The Chancellor; 2.30 Diocesan Readers' Service; 4 Choral E, Responses (Reading), Canticles (Dyson in D), Hymn to the Trinity (Tchaikovsky).

LINCOLN CATHEDRAL: 7.45 Litany; 8 HC; 9.30 S Euch, Darke in E, Ubi caritas (Duruflé), The Precentor; 11.15 M, Responses (Smith), Short Service (Gibbons), Lord, for thy tender mercies sake (Hilton), Canon Ernest Strickland; 12.30 HC; 3.45 E & Admission of Choristers & Chaniers, Responses (Byrd), Second Service (Byrd), *Teach me, O Lord (Byrd)*, Passacaglia in D minor (Buxtehude).

LICHFIELD CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; 10.30 Sung Euch, Mass for three voices (Byrd), Gloria tibi (Byrd), The Chancellor; 3.30 E, Responses (Harris), Wood in G, I will lift up mine eyes (Walker).

LLANDAFF CATHEDRAL: 7.30 M & Litany; 8 Holy Euch, Rev S P Kirk; 9 Parish Euch, Rev S P Kirk; 11 Sung Euch, Missa Sancti Nicolai (Haydn), Creed (Shaw), Haec dies quam fecit Dominus (Byrd), Ven R H Roberts; 12.15 Holy Euch (Lady Chapel); 3.30 Choral E, Walmisley in D minor, Ascribe unto the Lord (Travers); 6.30 Parish E & Sermon, Mr Ken Hall.

MANCHESTER CATHEDRAL: 8.45 MP; 9 HC; 10.30 S Euch, Darke in F, Canon Albert Radcliffe; 6.30 E, Brewer in D, Canon Albert Radcliffe.

SOUTHWARK CATHEDRAL: 9 Euch; 11 Choral Euch, Messe solennelle (Langlais), *Sing joyfully* (Byrd), O nata lux (Tallis), Canon David Painter; 3 E, Walmisley in D minor, Though I speak with the tongues of men (Bairstow), Canon Roy White.

TRURO CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; 9 M, The Deacon; 10 Sung Euch, O Lord, increase our faith (Loosemore), *Jackson in G, Jesu, grant me this I* pray (Whitlock), Voluntary: Fanfare (Whitlock), The Treasurer; 6 E, Responses (Byrd), Brewer in E flat, O thou the central Orb (Wood), Voluntary: Menuet Gothique (Boellmann), Canon Kenneth Rogers.

WELLS CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; 9.45 S Euch, Darke in F, Jesu, the very thought of thee (Bairstow), Ven C E Thomas, Archdeacon of Wells; 11.30 M, Stanford in B flat, My soul there is a country (Parry); 3 E, Moeran in D, Laudate Dominum (Mozart), Voluntary: Hymne d'Actions de Graces (Langlais), Ven R M C Frith, Archdeacon of Taunton.

WESTMINSTER ABBEY: 8 HC; 10 M, Responses (Gibbons/Barnard), Boyce in C, Most glorious Lord of life (Harris), Canon Donald Gray; 11.15 Abbey Euch, Missa brevis (Leighton), Prevent us, O Lord (Byrd), Drop, drop slow tears (Leighton), Rev Jonathan Goodall; 3 E, Howells in B minor, *Thou judge of quick and dead* (Wesley), Rev Canon Trevor Shannon; 5.45 Organ Recital, Stephen le Prevost; 6.30 ES, Rev Richard Ballard.

WESTMINSTER CATHEDRAL: 7, 8, 9, 12, 5.30 & 7 Mass; 10.30 SM, Mass for four voices (Byrd), Ave virgo sanctissima (Guerrero), O sacrum convivium (Byrd), Toccata in D minor (Buxtehude); 10 MP; 2.30 Organ recital, David Good; 3.30 Solemn V & B; Magnificat quarti toni (Bevan), Ego sum panis vivus (Esquival), Suite du deuxième ton (Guilain).

YORK MINSTER: 8 & 8.45 HC; 10 S Euch, Mass for five voices (Byrd), Rev David Wilbourne; 11.30 M, Responses (Smith), Britten in E & C; 4 E, Sumsion in G, Glorious and powerful God (Gibbons), Rev Canon Ralph Mayland.

ST ASAPH CATHEDRAL, Clwyd: 11 Choral M, Responses (Smith), Jubilate (Dyson in D), Te Deum (Vaughan Williams in G), The Lord hath been mindful (Wesley), Voluntary: Prelude & Fugue in G major (Bach), Rev Paul Kinsey.

ST PAUL'S CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; 10.30 M, Responses (Gibbons & Barnard), Te Deum & Jubilate (Boyce in A), Canon John Halliburton; 11.30 HC, Darke in F, Lead me Lord (Wesley); 3.15 E & *Admission of Choristers*, Stanford in A, Let all the world in every corner sing (Vaughan Williams), Voluntary: Prelude & Fugue in F minor (Bach), Sister Gerd Svenson.

ST PAUL'S CATHEDRAL, Dundee: 8 HC; 9.40 S Communion; 11 Choral Euch, Missa Parodia (Trepte), Jesu dulcis memoria (Shephard), The Provost; 6.30 Choral E, Short Service (Gibbons), We love the place (Brahms), Professor Peter Steward.

ALL SAINTS, Margaret Street, W1: 8 & 5.15 LM; 10.20 MP; 11 HM, Mass in G (Schubert), O Lord, make thy servant, Elizabeth our Queen (Byrd), Rev C L Geake; 6 E & B, The First Service (Morley), Jesu, the very thought of thee (Bairstow), The Vicar.

AMERICAN CHURCH IN LONDON, Tottenham Court Rd, W1: 9.45 Sunday School; 11 Worship, Rev James Schmidt.

THE ASSUMPTION, Warwick Street, W1: 11 Missa aeterna Christi munera (Palestrina), Lauda Sion (Palestrina), Tantum ergo in B flat (Bruckner).

CHELSEA OLD CHURCH, SW3: 8 HC; 10 Children's Service; 11 M, Rev P Elvy, Ave Verum (Mozart); 12.15 HC; 6 E, Voluntary: Scherzo from *Symphony 2* (Widor), Rev P Elvy.

CROWN COURT CHURCH OF SCOTLAND, Covent Garden, WC2: 11.15 Rev Stanley Hood; 3.30 Gaelic Service, Rev John MacLeod; 6.30 Rev Stanley Hood.

FARM STREET, W1: 7.30, 8.30, 10, 12.15, 4.15, 6.15 LM; 11 HM.

HOLY TRINITY BROMPTON, Brompton Road, SW7: 9 HC, Rev Sandy Millar; 11 Informal Service (Creche & Children's Church), Rev Sandy Millar; 6.30 Informal Service, Rev Nicholas Gumbel.

THE ORATORY, Brompton Road, SW7: 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 Mass, Missa Brevis in D (*Mozart*), Beati pauperes (Sweelinck), 12.30, 4.30, 7; 3.30 V & B, Sitivit anima mea (Palestrina).

ORTHODOX CATHEDRAL OF THE DIVINE WISDOM, Moscow Road, W2: 9.30 M; 11 Divine Liturgy, Byzantine chant and choral music sung in Greek.

WESLEY'S CHAPEL, City Road, EC2: 9.45 HC; 11 MS, Rev Paul Hulme.

WESTMINSTER CENTRAL HALL (Methodist), SW1: 11 & 6.30, Rev R John Tudor.

ST ANNE AND ST AGNES (Lutheran), Gresham St, EC2: 11 Choral HC, Rev R T England. No Evening Service.

ST BARTHOLOMEW THE GREAT, Smithfield, EC1: 9 HC; 11 M, Responses (Ayleward), Caustun (Short Service), O Lord, the maker of al thing (Mundy), The Rector; 6.30 E, Responses (Ayleward), Caustun (Short Service), O praise God in his holiness (Whyte), The Rector.

ST BRIDE'S, Fleet Street, EC4: 11 Choral M & Euch, Jubilate (Stanford in B flat), Setting (Grayston Ives), Ave Jesu Christe (Philips, Canon John Oates; 6.30 Choral E, Responses (Ebdon), Canticles (Sumsion in A), Gloria in excelsis Deo (Weelkes), Rejoice in the Lord alway (Purcell), Canon John Oates.

ST CLEMENT DANES: *9 HC; 11 MP,* Stanford in C, Ascribe unto the Lord (Travers), Rev David Mackenzie; 12.15 HC.

ST COLUMBA'S CHURCH OF SCOTLAND, Pont Street, SW1: 11 Rev W A Cairns; 6.30 Rev E J McMahon.

ST ETHELDREDA'S, Ely Place: 11 *Missa brevis* (*Gabrieli*), *O Domine* Jesu Christe (Guerrero).

ST GEORGE'S, Hanover Square, W1: 8.30 HC; 11 S Euch, Short Service (Tallis), O pray for the peace of Jerusalem (Goss), The Rector.

ST JAMES'S, Sussex Gardens, W2: 8 HC; 10.30 S Euch, Missa Aeterna Christi Munera (Palestrina), Lords Prayer (Duruflé), Rev Bert Galloway; 6 Choral E & Ministry of Healing, Farrant in A minor, In manus tuas No.1 (Sheppard), Rev Tim Thornton.

ST LUKE'S, Chelsea, SW3: 10.30 MP & HC, Whitlock in G (Mass), Lord for Thy tender mercies' sake (Farrant), Canon Roger Royle; 6.30 E, Thou wilt keep him (Wesley), Rev Derek Watson.

ST MARK'S, Regents Park Rd, NW1: 8 HC; 10 Family C; 11 Sung Euch & Baptism, Misa Brevis (Palestrina), Rev Joanna Yates.

ST MARGARET'S, Westminster, SW1: 11 M, Responses (Rose), Jubilate (*Gibbons Short Service*), *Sing we* merrily (Blow), Canon Donald Gray; 12.15 HC.

ST MARTIN-IN-THE-FIELDS, WC2: 8 HC; 9.45 Euch, St Martin's Service (Stringer), Insanae et vanea curae (Haydn), O nata lux (Tallis), Voluntary: Menuet Gothique (Boellmann), Rev John Pridmore; 11.30 Visitors to London Service, Responses (Statham), Benedictus, Ave regina (Dufay), Voluntary: Allegro Risoluto (Whitlock), Very Rev Michael Higgins; 2.45 Chinese Service, Rev Gilbert Lee; 5 Choral E, Responses (Statham), Darke in F, Evening Hymn (Balfour Gardiner), Voluntary: Rhosymedre (Vaughan Williams); 6.30 ES, Rev John Pridmore.

ST MARY-THE-VIRGIN, Primrose Hill: 8 HC; 10.30 Parish Euch, Mass in G (Schubert), Locus Iste (Bruckner), The Vicar; 6 Choral E, Canticles in G (Sumsion), How lovely are thy *dwellings (Brahms)*.

ST MARYLEBONE, Marylebone Road, W1: 8 HC; 11 Choral Euch, Missa Simile est Regnum Coelorum (Victoria), Jubilate (Lassus), The Rector.

ST PAUL'S, Wilton Place, SW1: 8 & 9 HC; 11 Solemn Euch, Missa Brevis in *D major (Fux), Thou God that guid'st* (Byrd), Behold, O God, our defender (Blow), Rev Christopher Courtauld.

ST PETER'S, Eaton Square, SW1: 8.15 HC; 10 Family Euch; 11 Sung Euch, Messa di Beata Virgine (Josquin), Hymn to the Virgin (Britten).

ST STEPHEN'S, *Gloucester Road*, SW7: 8 & 9 LM; 11 SM, Missa Aeterna Christi Munera (Palestrina), Sacerdotes Domini (Byrd), Ave Verum Corpus (Byrd), Canon Christopher Colven; 6 EP & B.

CHAPEL ROYAL OF ST PETER AD VINCULA, HM Tower of London: 9.15 HC; 11 M & Sermon attended by The Air Crew Association, Responses (Morley), Te Deum (Britten in C), Jubilate (Chant), When David heard that Absalom was slain (Tomkins).

CHAPEL ROYAL, St. James's Palace: Services resume October 3.

CHAPEL ROYAL, Hampton Court Palace: 8.30 M & Litany; 11 Choral Euch, This is the day (Anon 16c), Darke in E, Most glorious Lord (Armstrong Gibbs); 3.30 E, O for a closer walk (Stanford), Sumsion in G, Evening Hymn (Balfour Gardiner).

GROSVENOR CHAPEL, South Audley Street, W1: 11 S Euch, Missa in Honorem Sancti Dominici (Rubbra), Turn Thee unto me, O Lord (Boyce), Ave Maria (Bruckner).

QUEEN'S CHAPEL OF THE SAVOY, WC2: Services resume October.

THE TEMPLE CHURCH, Fleet Street: Service resume October 3.

GUARDS CHAPEL, Wellington Barracks, SW1: 11 M, O God be merciful (Tye), How lovely are Thy dwellings (Brahms), Voluntary: Valiant Years (Rodgers), Band of The Irish Guards, The Chaplain; 12 HC.

ROYAL NAVAL COLLEGE CHAPEL, Greenwich, SE10: 11 S Euch, God is living, God is here (Bach), Comfort O Lord (Crotch), The Chaplain.

School announcements

Heathfield School, Ascot
Term begins today at Heathfield with Caroline Taylor as Head Girl and Alice Ramsay as First Prefect. A Major Academic Scholarship for the VIth Form has been awarded to Emma Chubley and the VIth Form Art Scholar is Diana Massey. Awards to Form I entrants are as follows: Music Scholarship to Sophia Butler-Cowdry (St Monica's School, Poole), Academic Exhibition (major) to Charlotte Sacher (Lady Eden's School, London), Academic Exhibition (minor) to Alexandra Bayston (Eton End PNEU School, Datchet). Assessment Day and Junior Scholarship entry examinations for September 1994 will take place on Saturday, November 6. Further details may be obtained from the school office (0344 882955). There will be a performance in school of *Victorian Music Hall* for parents on Thursday, November 18 at 7.30pm. St Nicholas' Stalls will be held in the Sports Hall on Saturday, November 27 from 2.00pm. Parents, Old Girls and friends of the school are very welcome to attend. The Fellowship Shopping Day in aid of the Bursary Fund and Rainbow Trust will be held at Kensington Town Hall on Monday, October 4 from 11.00am to 8.00pm.

New Hall School, Chelmsford
The Autumn Term began on September 6 with Emma Collin continuing as Head Girl assisted by Jacqueline Silver as Deputy Head Girl. An Open Afternoon for *parents of prospective students* will be held on Sunday, September 26, from 2pm until 5pm. A Service of Thanksgiving for the 350th Anniversary of the School and Community will be held at Chelmsford Cathedral on Friday, October 8, at 11am. The School will be an exhibitor at Independent Education '93 on October 8-10, at the Business Design Centre, Islington. The School Carol Service will be held on December 5 at 3pm. The term ends on December 10.

Birthdays

Today
Professor Norman Ashton, pathologist, 80; Mr Franz Beckenbauer, football manager, 48; Sir Austin Bide, former chairman, Glaxo Holdings, 78; Mrs Justice Booth, 60; Mr Paul Cole, racehorse trainer, 52; Sir Bernard Feilden, architect, 74; Mr E.A.J. George, governor, Bank of England, 55; Lord Gibson-Watt, 75; Mr Michael Lambert, racehorse trainer, 49; the Earl of Leicester, 84; Mr Richard Linley, jockey, 39; Lord Marlesford, 62; Sir Patrick Mayhew, QC, MP, 64; the Hon Jessica Mitford, author, 76; Mr Barry Sheene, motorcycling champion, 43; the Right Rev John Taylor, former Bishop of Winchester, 79; Mr Roger Uttley, rugby player and teacher, 44.

Tomorrow
Miss Maria Aitken, actress, 48; Sir Lindsay Alexander, former deputy chairman, Lloyds Bank, 73; Viscount Allendale, 71; Mr Nicholas Barter, principal, RADA, 53; Colonel Sir Donald Cameron of Lochiel, KT, former Lord Lieutenant of Inverness, 83; Mr Alan Cathcart, chairman, Avis, Europe, 50; Vice-Admiral Sir Peter Compston, 78.

Professor Ronald Hedley, educationist, 76; Dr Basil Herbertson, former president, Hughes Hall, Cambridge, 72; Mr Ian Holm, actor, 62; Mr Kenneth Lo, Chinese cookery expert and tennis player, 80; Lord Milner of Leeds, 70; the Right Rev Alan Rogers, former Bishop of Mauritius, 86; Sir Arthur Sugden, former chief executive officer, Co-operative Wholesale Society, 75; Sir Gervas Walker, former chairman, Association of County Councils, 73; Professor George Zarnecki, art historian, 78.

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BIRTHS

ALLEN-STEVENS - On 31st August at The John Radcliffe Hospital, Oxford, to Cheryl and Tom, a daughter, Georgina Elizabeth

BAILEY - On August 31st, to Melodie and John, a son, Oliver James Henryk

BELL - On August 29th, to Angela and Nicholas, a daughter, Tiffany Ellen.

BOYD - Thomas James, son of Hanne and Antony Boyd of Norwich. Born 10 31 pm on Tuesday 7th September

CAMPBELL - To Celia (nee *Walker) and Leo, a daughter,* Polly, a sister for Hugo, on 23rd August

CHAPMAN - On September 9th, to Cressida (nee Fitch) and Huw a daughter, Dorothy Frances Victoria, a sister for Freddie.

CONSTANTI - On September 4th at the Wellington Hospital, to George and Suraya, a boy Omar Alexander

EKLOF - On September 6th 1993, to Louise (nee Green) and Richard, a son, Stefan Douglas Kingsley.

GLEADELL - On 7th September, to Sophie (nee Money) and Colin, a daughter, Rose Montgomerie.

HERZIG-de SALIS - On September 4th Jessica Angelica Carrie was born to Dr I.O.C. de Salis and Dr H J Herzig.

JACKSON - On September 10th at Queen Charlotte's, to Mary (nee Roddie) and James, a son, Thomas Anthony Douglas, a brother for Jonathan

KEANE - On September 3rd in Cambridge, to Carolyn (nee Cooper) and Patrick John, a beautiful daughter, Danielle Francesca

KOUNTOURIS - On September 7th at The Portland Hospital, to Jeannie (nee Woolard) and George, a precious son, Evans George.

LOVEDAY - On August 31st at The Portland Hospital, to Amanda (nee Shrimsley) and Mark, a son, Edward George Alexander Rollo.

MAHONY - On September 5th at The Portland Hospital, to *Christine (nee Derrett) and* Michael, a daughter, Constance

MANKOWITZ - On September 3rd at the Wellington Hospital, to Penny and Daniel, a daughter, Martha, a sister for Poppy.

MARLOW-PRINCE - *On 3rd* September at The Portland Hospital, to Paul Prince and Collette Marlow-Prince, a daughter, India, 7½ lbs and utterly delicious.

MATURIN-BAIRD - On 9th September, to William and *Sarah, a son, Peregrine* Robert.

PACKER - On 9th September, to Ronald and Philippa (nee Russell), a daughter, Susannah Antonia, a sister for Christina and Victoria

PALMIOTTI - On September 6th at The Portland Hospital, Charles Joseph (Charlie) to very proud and happy parents, Penny and Joe

ROTHWELL - On September 7th at The Princess Margaret Hospital, Swindon, to *Elizabeth (nee Atkinson) and* James, a son, Thomas Henry, a brother for Rebecca and Edward.

ROWAN-HAMILTON - On 8th September, to Venetia (nee Carter) and Hamish, a son, Frederick John

SPEARE-COLE - On September 9th 1993, to Jessica (nee Boscawen) and Alastair, a daughter, Rebecca Anne, a sister for Antonia.

GOLDEN ANNIVERSARIES

GODFREY:PRICE - Clifford to Hilda on September 11th 1943. Congratulations from Bill and the boys

DEATHS

BYE - Gwendoline (nee Dyster) Died 7th September 1993, of 55 Stonehedge Drive, Greenwich, CT06831 USA. Leaves her husband Geoffrey, son Gareth, 3 daughters Bridgit, Sabine and Annabelle and 5 grandchildren Funeral today

CLARK - Ruth Marion, on September 8th, aged 71, beloved wife of Colonel John Clark and mother of Jane, Sally and William Funeral at Twinstead Church on 16th September at 3 pm Family flowers only, donations to S.S.A.F.A.

ELLIOTT - On September 5th 1993, suddenly and tragically Lt Col Bruce John Elliott CBE, TD and District Judge of Luton, Beds, aged 66. Adoring husband of Alison. Dearly loved and loving father of Roger and Andrew, father-in-law of Lesley and Phillippa and devoted grandfather to Johnathan, Thomas and Rebecca, much loved son of Zena, beloved brother to Denis and Hayward and a dear friend of many people Service at St Mary's Church, Luton, Friday September 17th at 1 30 pm followed by a committal ceremony for family and close friends at 2.30 pm at Luton Crematorium No flowers by request, donations if desired may be given to SSAFA *Enquiries to Neville Funeral* Service, Luton, tel (0582) 490005.

GOOD - On September 9th, peacefully at home in Waddesdon, Cyril, aged 83. Much loved husband of Kitty and dear father of Valerie and Heather and grandfather of David and Sally Funeral Service at St Michael's and All Angels, Waddesdon, at 11 am on Thursday 16th September Family flowers. Donations, if desired, to *Marie Curie Cancer Care, 28* Belgrave Square, London SW1X 8QG

HORNER - On September 8th 1993 at home in Kyrenia, Cyprus, Lt. Col John Bayley Middleton Horner, beloved husband of Eve and father of Sarah Pomfret

HOWES - On 9th September at Willsbridge House Nursing Home, Bristol, Eleanor Marianne Trotman, lately of Newbridge Hill, Bath, daughter of Mr and Mrs W *Trotman Howes Cremation* Thursday 16th September 11 am at Westerleigh, Pucklechurch, Northavon. Date of Memorial Service to be announced later.

HUGHES - Ivy on September 8th 1993 Sleep in peace From Christopher, *Patricia* and Graham of Australia.

HURLOW - On 9th September 1993, peacefully at home aged 78, Winston Gordon, Canon Emeritus of Chester. Dearly loved husband of Jean and a most loving father and grandfather. Funeral at Battle Parish Church on Thursday 16th September at 2 pm.

KAAS - Hans C, on 9th September 1993 peacefully at home aged 79. Beloved husband of Joan, dear father of Vibeke, Drude, Janeke and Paul. Funeral Service to be held at 11 am on Friday 17th September at Putney Vale Crematorium. Flowers or donations to The Macmillan Society c/o T.H Sanders & Sons, 28 Kew Road, Richmond TW9 2NA.

LEDINGHAM - John Marshall, Emeritus Professor of Medicine, The Royal London Hospital. Beloved husband of Josephine, father of Simon and Julian. On 8th September 1993, at home. Service at St Paul's Knightsbridge, Wilton Place, London, on Tuesday 14th September at 11 am. Afterwards private cremation. In place of flowers donations may be sent to the 'Friends of The London Hospital'

McCAULEY - On September 5th 1993, Anna Marie, deeply regretted by her loving husband Frank, sons Tom, Peter, Malachy, Benedict and Daniel, daughter Bridget; her brother Max Lorenz; her sisters Agnes and Brigitte, all relatives and grandchildren, daughter and son-in-law. Funeral Mass at 10 am Monday 13th September at the Servite Church, Fulham Road, London

MURRAY - On 9th September, suddenly at home, Noreen. Much loved wife of Robert, mother of Jean and grandmother of Paul, Laura *and David The funeral* service will take place on Wednesday 15th September 1993 at Newton Green Parish Church, Sudbury, Suffolk at 2 pm followed by interment. All enquiries to Brown Fenn & Parker 37 *North Street, Sudbury, tel:* (0787) 370909.

THOMAS - On 8th September 1993 at Dunblane Nursing Home, Jean Milne, very peacefully after 87 years. Much loved mother of Roydon and beloved grandmother of Rosemary and Guy. Widow of Rowland. Funeral Service in Holy Trinity Church, Bridge of Allan, on Tuesday 14th September at 2 pm and thereafter to Falkirk Crematorium at 3 pm.

TOWNSHEND - On 9th September 1993 at the Pilgrim Hospital, Boston, Lincs., Eveline M.C. *Funeral* private

WABOSO - Dr. Marcus Feyi, His Royal Highness, Eze (King) of Azumini, Nigeria, on 8th September 1993 peacefully at home. Messages to Dr. Paul Feyi Waboso at Women's Hospital, PO Box 53, Aba, Nigeria

WHITE - Winifred (Wendy) MBE died 8th September 1993 aged 96. Served with the War Office for 42 years through both World Wars working at Bletchley Park throughout World War II. Funeral Service on September 15th at Cheltenham Crematorium at 11 30 am

MEMORIAL SERVICES

BENT - A Thanksgiving for the Life of J. Robert Bent of Blakedown and Twyning, who died on 6th August 1993, will be held at Pershore College of Horticulture, Pershore, *Worcestershire, on Friday,* 22nd October 1993 at 2.30pm

FEARNLEY - A Service of Thanksgiving for the life of Alice 'Day' will be held on Saturday 25th September at 3 pm in Bishops Cannings Church, near Devizes.

GEE - Nancy Memorial Service in Clifton College Chapel, Clifton, Bristol. Friday 17th September at 7.15 pm. *Light refreshments* following.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

PEARSE - Miss R.N. Pearse OBE. A Service of Thanksgiving for the life and work of Rachel Pearse (Honorary Freewoman of the Clothworkers' Company, President of The Association of Head Mistresses 1962-64) will be held at St Martin-in-*the-Fields Church WC2 at* 11.30 on Saturday, 23rd October. It is hoped to welcome not only *Old Girls* and Staff from Mary Datchelor Girls' School, where she was Head Mistress from 1951 until her *retirement in 1968, and* Herts & Essex High School, Head Mistress 1938-50, but friends and representatives from the many other spheres to which she contributed so much.

IN MEMORIAM – PRIVATE

BARNARD - In loving memory of Mary Ianthea *and of our two children,* Julia Anthea Marlettie and Pieter Johannes. Emil.

MORE O'FERRALL - Frankie, died September 11th 1976. Lovingly remembered always. R.I.P. Angela.

NUGENT - Oliver, died November 12th 1988. Remembered especially today, our 50th Wedding Anniversary, with all my love. Mary.

SHULLAW - Remembering now and always Jean, a dear wife and mother, who, died on September 12th 1991. Richard, Mari and Harry.

TRUSTEE ACTS

MACKAY, JANET TAYLOR DAVISON (otherwise DAVISON, JANET TAYLOR) of Flat 2, 6 Weymouth Mews, London W1 died on 24th June 1993. Particulars to BENNETT TAYLOR TYRRELL Solicitors of 72 New Cavendish Street, London *W1M* 8AU before 12th November 1993.

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STONES, RUTH of Springfield, Bruton Road, Wanstrow, Nr. Shepton Mallet, Somerset. Died 8th May 1993. Particulars to MIDDLETON & UPSALL, 2 North Parade, Frome, Somerset BA11 1AT before 12th November 1993.

TAYLOR, ENID STAFFORD of Yardleys Camp Road, Gerrards Cross, Buckinghamshire died on 12th June 1993: Particulars to B P COLLINS & CO Solicitors of Collins House, 32/38 Station Road, Gerrards Cross, Bucks SL9 8EL before 12th November 1993.

WALTER, HARRY BLUNDELL of Benlia House, 26 Kenton Gardens, Kenton, Middlesex who died on the 19th August 1993. Particulars to Messrs Matthew Arnold & Baldwin of 20 Station Road, Watford, Hertfordshire, WD1 1HT. ref: KCD, before the 10th November 1993.

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BIRTHDAYS

AMY JESTINA KNIGHT Happy 1st Birthday to my precious little angel. I love you with all my heart Mummy xxxxxxxxxx

DOROTHY MORGAN (Doody) Happy Special Birthday to a wonderful mother. Have a lovely day. With lots of love from John, Philip, Frances and Penny (Bagsfourth) xxxxxxxxx

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OBITUARIES

SIR ANTHONY PLOWMAN

Sir Anthony Plowman, Vice-Chancellor of the Chancery Division, 1974-76, died on August 30 aged 87. He was born on December 27, 1905.

THE Vice-Chancellor is the senior Chancery judge and, although he does not rank with the Lord Chief Justice or the Master of the Rolls, he in practice controls a branch of the judiciary, even if its nominal head is the Lord Chancellor. It was Anthony Plowden's misfortune to be responsible for the day-to-day running of this division of the High Court during a period when not all of its members were regarded as being especially distinguished.

Plowman himself was a sound, competent — if not outstanding — Chancery judge and, if he had a fault, it lay in a certain laziness. Though he was thorough in what he did, his inclination was to do the minimum necessary to decide each case. On the other hand, he was always pleasant to appear before — quick-witted, courteous, considerate and firm when necessary.

His rulings tended towards the commonsense interpretation of the law. For instance, in 1970 he ruled against 20 rebel firemen in a test case dispute with the GLC. Firemen in London — along with 12 other brigades in the country — were encouraged to use their discretion over the illegal jumping of red lights something which some of them felt was a dangerous and possibly criminal practice. Plowman said: "I don't accept the order is an unlawful one. It is not a command to break the law. It is a command to take care."

The newsworthiness of a case never swayed his judgment. In 1975, he refused to intervene in a dispute between "Tiny" Rowland, chief executive and managing director of Lonrho, and a bare majority of eight members of his board who were calling for his dismissal. Plowman was concerned only with the legalities of the situation and remained "unconvinced that it is the duty of the court to intervene in what is primarily a matter for the Lonrho board" — a judgment that, in effect, gave victory to Rowland who, as the largest individual shareholder, was able to requisition an extraordinary meeting of shareholders at which he easily carried the day.



In May 1962, in his early days on the bench, another well-publicised case came before Plowman with wide-reaching implications for the *newspaper industry. The News Chronicle* and *The Star* had, two years previously, been hastily sold to Associated Newspapers for £2 million, the employees sent home and the titles folded.

The Daily News board, which had allowed the papers to get into such a dangerous financial situation, realised that their conduct was bound to come under public scrutiny and decided to give away over half the proceeds of the sale — beyond any legal liability to do so — in a move calculated to look like an act of generosity. The money was to be distributed among the papers' 3,000 former employees in compensation for lost pension rights.

However, Hall Parke, son of a former editor of *The Star*, pointed out that the rights of the minority shareholders had not been duly *taken into account in this transaction*, and brought an action against the Daily News company. Parke won his case. Plowman in his ruling said that, however laudable and enlightened from the point of view of industrial relations the defendants' motives were, it was not permissible to apply the proceeds of the sale to benefit the employees rather than the company in the form of its shareholders.

Later that year Plowman was asked to consider another chapter in the protracted legal wrangles between the estranged Duke and Duchess of Argyll. The duke had brought an action against his wife asking her to return certain family heirlooms — said to be worth £25,000 — to Inveraray Castle.

The duchess had countered that the pieces in question — ranging from a £16,000 Zoffany painting, a bronze bust of the ninth duke on a marble column to silver spoons — were presents from the duke, and kept them at her home in Mayfair. Plowman ordered the duchess to hand over the articles and directed her to pay three-quarters of the duke's legal costs.

One ruling that proved controversial in the literary world regarded the contested ownership of the manuscript of *Under Milk Wood*. This was a manuscript which had apparently been lost since 1953, but which in 1961 mysteriously resurfaced when it was sold by Douglas Cleverdon to The Times Books Company of Wigmore Street for £2,000. The poet's widow, Caitlin, by then living in Rome, heard of the sale and promptly sued Times Books. As her husband's representative she claimed the manuscript for his literary estate.

The manuscript had in fact been lost by Dylan Thomas in a Soho pub just before he went on a lecture tour of America in 1953 (he later died in New York in an alcoholic coma). Cleverdon, a BBC producer and friend who had encouraged Thomas to finish the play (and who was the first to produce it on radio), asked Thomas before his departure if he might search for it. Thomas not only told him where to look but to keep it if he found it. Having discovered the manuscript in a public house in Old Compton Street, Cleverdon was only too happy to hold on to it until, years later, he found the lease on his house *had ended. At this point he sold the* manuscript to raise a mortgage for another.

Cleverdon alleged that, in both his and Thomas's presence, Caitlin had described the work as "a bloody pot-boiler," and that at the time of his death its value would have been no more than £50. It was only because of the boom in the market for original manuscripts that she was now interested in it, he said. In the event, Plowman ruled in Cleverdon's favour. In his summing up he stated that the character of Dylan Thomas was "generous and impulsive" and that giving a potentially valuable manuscript away was just the sort of spontaneous gesture he would make.

John Anthony Plowman was the son of a solicitor and was educated at Highgate School, after which he himself took the Law Society exams winning the John Mackrell prize. His father was sufficiently impressed by this achievement to arrange for him to go up to Gonville & Caius College, Cambridge, where he read for an LLB, taking a first in addition to winning three university prizes.

Abandoning his solicitor's qualification, he was called to the Bar by Lincoln's Inn in 1931, at the age of 25. On the strength of his academic record he immediately began to practise at the Chancery Bar in what were then the chambers of Mr Justice Roxburgh. With the outbreak of war, Plowman joined the RAF, rising to the rank of squadron leader.

After the war Plowman rebuilt his practice, and in 1954 took silk. He was never a fashionable leader, partly perhaps because he did not have the support of a large chambers full of busy juniors. But solicitors valued his clear intellect, sound judgment and urbane demeanour no less than his straightforward and lucid exposition of a case. He acquired a solid practice in the front row. In January 1961 he became a bencher of his Inn, and later that month was made a High Court judge, *simultaneously receiving a* knighthood.

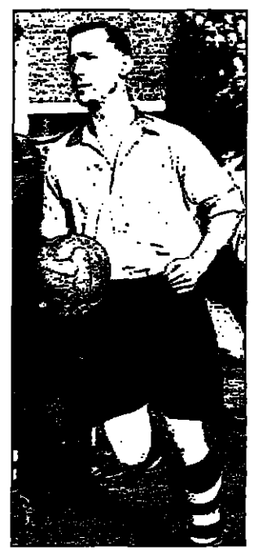
His selection, which followed on the heels of the announcement of eight new High Court judges only a week before, came as a surprise to the legal profession. But it brought the number of Chancery judges actively engaged in Chancery work up to six, and with the number of cases *pending in the Chancery Division* rising alarmingly by 50 per cent each year at the time, the reasons behind the appointment were not far to seek.

It proved a discriminating appointment. As a judge, Plowman was objective, courteous and dispassionate. When he left in the evening, he put his work behind him, and never lay awake at night wondering if one of his decisions would be reversed by the Court of Appeal — though they rarely were. After his two years as Vice-Chancellor, which involved sitting from time to time in the Court of Appeal, he finally retired in 1976.

He married in 1933 Vernon Graham. She died in 1988 and he is survived by their three daughters.

TOMMY CHEADLE

Tommy Cheadle, captain of Port Vale Football Club, 1952-58, died in Stoke-on-Trent on September 4 aged 74. He was born in Stoke on April 8, 1919.



SERENDIPITY played a strong part in kick-starting Tommy Cheadle's football career. He had always enjoyed playing junior level soccer with a colliery team in Stoke-on-Trent but never considered it would go further.

Rehabilitation treatment, following a shrapnel injury during army service, led to a chance meeting with a physical training instructor who was so impressed with Cheadle's skill that he told him to report to Port Vale Football Club's ground as soon as his service was over.

Within two weeks of being demobbed Cheadle was playing in Vale's first team. He went on to become captain for six years before leaving in 1958 for neighbouring Crewe Alexandra where he completed a two-year coaching stint.

To the crowds of Potters *who filed relentlessly into the* terraces every week, Cheadle was a hero. His tenacious, unflinching style earned him a reputation as a hard man among his opponents and the affectionate tag of "woodennut" from the Vale Park fans. It was often said of him that instead of the black and white colours of the Vale shirt he would have been better off in black and blue — because that was the colour of his knees after a game.

During one of his last interviews with the local paper Cheadle was reported as saying: "I played the game hard, but never squealed. I remember once at Brighton having stitches put in a gash and going straight back into the match. I also had an injection on the touchline once so I could stay in a game." Colleagues remarked: "It was not a game for Tommy — it was war."

Cheadle earned a place in the footnotes of football history when he took Port Vale to the brink of an appearance in the 1954 FA Cup final. Controversy still rages about that semi-final among the ageing footballing cognescenti of the Potteries. They firmly believe Vale was robbed following the two refereeing decisions that handed West Bromwich Albion a 2-1 victory.

Once his two-year coaching engagement with Crewe Alexandra was over, Cheadle gave up the game and, after a few years with a transport firm, took a job as a postman. As time went on he became disenchanted with football and rarely attended a match: "The selfish attitude of everyone concerned has ruined it and they cannot make enough money from the game," he said. "I would have played for nothing because I loved the game."

Cheadle carried on with his post round until he retired aged 63.

He leaves his widow, Irene, and a son.

MAURICE EADEN



Maurice Bryan Eaden, CBE, a former consul-general in Amsterdam, died after a stroke on September 6 aged 70. He was born on February 9, 1923.

WHEREVER Maurice Eaden went, trouble seemed sure to go. He was in Ethiopia during an attempted coup against the Emperor Haile Selassie, which forced his own family to seek shelter from the bullets; in Lebanon throughout the Six-Day War; and in India when fighting broke out with Pakistan.

Then he found himself consul-general in Karachi at a time when Pakistan's armed forces overthrew the elected government of Zulfikar Ali Bhutto, imprisoning and subsequently hanging the prime minister. Even during his final posting in Amsterdam, there were political sub-currents to deal with, arising from the hunger strike in Northern Ireland by Bobby Sands. Yet Eaden who found himself so often at the world's hot spots, had started his diplomatic career as a humble clerk.

Born in Derby, the son of a signalman with British Rail, he won a place at the local Bemrose Grammar School. After leaving with a school certificate under his belt, he found himself a job in London with the Post Office, but then left for the Foreign Office.

In 1942, just turned 19, he joined the Royal Army Ordnance Corps as a private and was stationed in this country for two years, helping in the build-up of supplies ready for D-Day. He crossed the Channel in June 1944 and moved *with the advancing armies* across France into Belgium. At Antwerp just after the war, he met his wife Nelly — a locally employed Dutch girl in the same office.

Demobilised in 1947 Eaden rejoined the Foreign Office and started his steady ascent from grade to grade. Largely self-taught but blessed with a natural gift for languages, he never failed to do the jobs asked of him.

He was vice-consul in Leopoldville 1955-58, then first secretary (commercial) in a succession of postings: Addis Ababa 1958-62, Beirut 1963-67 and Bombay 1970-72. Promoted counsellor he found himself in Brussels between 1972 and 1975 running the administrative office which linked Britain's three missions in the Belgian capital: at Nato, the EEC and the British embassy. Then came his appointment as consul-general in Karachi 1975-9, followed by a similar *job at Amsterdam — where his* Dutch wife and his own command of the language made him ideally suited for the posting.

When he retired in 1983, however, it was as a specialist on commerce and the Indian sub-continent that Eaden saw himself. He had added Urdu and Hindi to his list of languages (this included the Amharic he had acquired in Ethiopia) and paid several return visits to the sub-continent with his wife.

In retirement he would often read books in other languages, in between walking amid his beloved Derbyshire Peak District. He led a successful campaign to save the school in the village where he settled.

He was also actively involved in his local church. A traditionalist on most church issues, he nonetheless championed the cause of women priests — because, he maintained, *their ordination would* help to prevent a re-union with Rome.

Maurice Eaden's wife died early last year and he is survived by their three sons.

JAMES KILBURN



James Maurice Kilburn, cricket writer, died at Harrogate on August 28 aged 84. He was born at Sheffield on July 8, 1909.

AFTER a brief spell as a schoolmaster and a winter wandering through Finland, Jim Kilburn became cricket correspondent of the *Yorkshire Post* in 1934, a job which he did, with singular detachment and in his own distinctive style, for 42 years. A useful cricketer himself, he knew the game well and came to be greatly respected by players and readers alike.

Kilburn's predecessor on the *Yorkshire Post* was the weighty A. W. Pullin, who had covered cricket for them, under the pseudonym of Old Ebor, *since 1892*. Although Neville Cardus was turning cricket-writing into something of an art form for the *Manchester Guardian* it was not the full-time occupation that it is today, and Kilburn came to it by chance.

Educated at Holgate Grammar School, Barnsley, and Sheffield University, where he took a degree in economics, he taught at a prep school in Harrogate before taking himself off to Finland after getting to know the vice-consul for that country in Bradford. While in Finland he submitted occasional articles to the *Barnsley Chronicle* and the *Yorkshire Post*, which sufficiently impressed Arthur Mann, the editor of the *Yorkshire Post*, for Kilburn to be asked to call on him. When Kilburn's interest in cricket was revealed he was appointed as Pullin's successor, with responsibility for rugby football as well.

Kilburn saw himself as a sports writer, or an essayist, as distinct from a reporter. He was no more likely to attend a press conference than to follow the trail of a story. He would not have got away with that today, but he could, and did, then — and it contributed to his creating a certain aura. By the time he was 40 he was like an invigilator in the press box, who deterred the newcomer from talking in anything much above a whisper.

As a writer he was always precise, frequently elegant, sometimes stern and invariably fair and accurate. He never wrote an unpolished piece or an unidentifiable one, although he was only occasionally analytical. Had he worked for a national paper there is little doubt that he would have been as widely acknowledged as Cardus and R. C. Robertson-Glasgow and E. W. Swanton, with all of whom he overlapped.

Tall and aquiline, Kilburn went through life at his own pace, never being seen to hurry or to miss his brief siesta early in the afternoon or to telephone his own copy or to leave a ground without Bill Bowes, once Bowes had finished bowling for Yorkshire and taken up his pen. He set high standards for himself and those he wrote about, and *in the sports room of the Yorkshire Post* no one ever dared to change his copy. His work could be as much an insight into social attitudes as a commentary on a game of cricket.

In Australia in 1946-47, on one of his two overseas tours for the *Yorkshire Post* (the *other was to Australia in 1954-*55), Kilburn helped to form the Cricket Writers' Club. He was determined that it should have a constructive and esteemed place in the game and was for many years its secretary. Not until he retired were television sets condoned in cricket press boxes.

Kilburn was a good enough golfer to have a single-figure handicap and had been a good enough cricketer to play for Barnsley in the Yorkshire Council and for Bradford in the Bradford League. For the last 15 years of his life his sight was seriously impaired. He wrote a dozen books on cricket.

His wife Mary, their son and two daughters, survive him.

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THE ICE TRADE

During the late tropical weather ice represented a real power in the community, just as in winter coal is an absolute necessity. No doubt if a few hot summers were to succeed each other we should speedily find as bountiful supplies of ice as we now do of fuel. The polar circle would be our mines, or we should lie in wait for the magnificent procession of icebergs which, according to Captain Scoresby, issue from their breeding places in Davis's Straits, and proceed southward until they touch the warm waters of the Gulf Stream, where they are a constant source of danger of passing vessels. A story is told of an American skipper who sailed upon an expedition in search of one of these bergs, grappled it, and promised himself a splendid reward. In tugging the glittering mass into harbour, however, he forgot that its submerged portion was eight times the depth of that which rose about the water line: consequently he never could get his convoy into any port and was obliged to abandon it. The trade in ice is of two kinds—the rough or local ice, which the coster gathers from the ponds and the artificial pieces of water, and the foreign ice, which is used principally for table purposes. The glittering cubes of pure crystal we are accustomed to see on the fish-mongers' slabs and in the windows of the Wenham Lake Ice Company are all procured from Norway. In the hills situated a few miles from Drobák in Christiania Fjord there is a very pure lake fed entirely by springs belonging to this company, and from this source all the pure table ice is now supplied. There is a notion that water while in the act of congelation is purged from all foreign matter. This is only partially true. All its mineral salts and any colouring matter it may contain are removed from it, but no organic matter is eliminated in the process. For this reason the clearness of the ice is no test of its purity; many a glittering lump when it dissolves absolutely smells. In America, where the weather is at times changeable, the greatest anxiety is felt while the process of reaping is being carried on, lest a thaw should come on and spoil the harvest. It is gathered in as fast as possible into the ice houses, which are, in fact, enormous refrigerators, built of pine wood, with double walls 2ft. apart, the intervening space being filled in with sawdust, which is one of the cheapest and most readily procurable non-conductors.

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Paris was having ice sent from the Alps, but Australia seems to have been leading the field with refrigerating machines worked by steam and capable of freezing 30 tons a day.

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NEWS

Major faces conference VAT revolt

■ John Major and Kenneth Clarke are facing a Conservative party revolt against their decision, already approved by Parliament, to impose VAT on fuel on April 1 next year.

A tidal wave of opposition to the plans among party workers and officials across the country has been revealed in motions sent to Tory central office in advance of next month's annual conference..... **Pages 1, 2, 5**

Rabin makes peace with Palestinians

■ The Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin made peace with his foremost Arab enemy when he recognised the PLO and said that Arabs and Jews would share the same land for the first time in decades of conflict..... **Pages 1, 12, 13, 16, 17**

Docklands rescue

Canary Wharf, the troubled office and retail development in London's docklands, is to come out of administration by the end of next month, after agreeing a £1.1 billion rescue package from a consortium of 10 banks led by LLoyds..... **Pages 1, 21**

Tax privatisation

Computer processing of millions of confidential tax details will be privatised next year, the Inland Revenue has confirmed. The move will affect all 34 million taxpayers who are on the pay-as-you-earn and self-employed schemes..... **Page 8**

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The insane violence that has returned to Mogadishu has claimed dozens more victims and raised questions about the future role of the United States in UN operations..... **Pages 1, 11**

Bridge dispute

John MacGregor, transport secretary, is braced for a new battle over plans to build a £130 million bridge over the Thames to replace the Blackwall tunnel..... **Page 4**

Bullying case

A woman aged 19, who claims to have been so severely bullied at school that she attempted to commit suicide, is suing her education authority because she says it did nothing to prevent the attacks..... **Page 3**

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An Italian journalist has angered the Vatican by publishing "confessions" he made while posing as a corrupt industrialist or politician. All but one priest advised against turning himself in to magistrates, he says..... **Page 14**

TV chess war

Channel 4 is trying to evict BBC2 from *The Times* World Chess Championship at The Savoy Theatre in London..... **Pages 1, 6**

Hurd's peace move

Douglas Hurd has tried to paper over some of the differences with Germany over Bosnia in a speech defending Europe's role in the Balkans..... **Page 14**

Computer programmed to imperfection

■ Two British scientists have won a prize for developing a computer as forgetful as the human brain. Like the average person, it finds it difficult to remember a telephone number longer than about seven digits. The scientists designed it to help them to understand how memory works..... **Page 4**



Ian Botham, right, freed from the pressures of first-class cricket, setting off with Jeremy Guscott, British Lions rugby player, in the British Shark Angling Festival at Looe, Cornwall yesterday. Neither made a catch and the winner was electrical contractor Ian Lamb

BUSINESS

Trade: Britain's trade gap narrowed to £3.3 billion in the second quarter from a savagely revised first quarter deficit of £3.5 billion. The improvement will help the Chancellor dispel fears of a potential current account problem. The figures suggest the trade deficit is not worsening as the economy recovers..... **Page 21**

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Marsalis's latest: Among the jazz albums reviewed this week is the latest from the young New Orleans trumpet virtuoso Wynton Marsalis. His mastery of different jazz styles is beyond question, writes Clive Davis..... **Weekend, 10**

What's On: *The Times* listings offer a guide to in best in cinema, theatre, music, dance and art exhibitions, plus details of new video releases..... **Weekend, 19**

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At war with the media

Mr Hurd pours scorn on the "something-must-be-done" school of journalism because it is he, not the commentators, who must do something. But that is what he and his fellows in government are elected to do..... **Page 17**

March of the quango

Jack Straw is right to highlight the alarming increase in taxpayers' money spent by unelected bodies and the Tories' reversal of their commitment in 1979 to end government by quango..... **Page 17**

Suffering children

Children still suffer from bullying. Adults have it in their power to reduce this suffering. But until they overcome their moral ambivalence, the abuse will continue..... **Page 17**

SIMON JENKINS

Perhaps it is unrealistic to wish that East and West had stayed aloof from the Palestine cauldron. There are too many interests..... **Page 16**

PAUL MILES

It is true that crime is a reflection of broader social forces, but it does not follow from this that policing has no effect on the level or nature of crime..... **Page 18**

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By assembling a generous and carefully targeted package of reconstruction and development aid, the world can honour this welcome opening towards peace in the Middle East

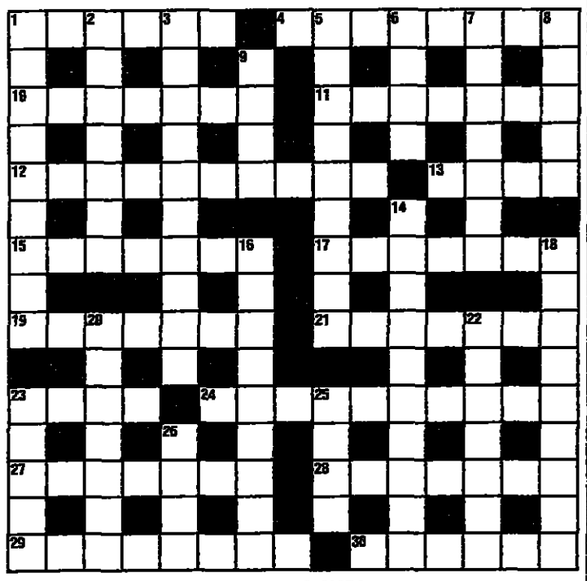
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ACROSS

1 Joins together, yet finally splits on the outside (6)
4 Outstanding success with a couple of shots (5,3)
10 Mother carrying headgear for Indian sage (7)
11 Religious group said to fight in part of court (4-3)
12 Piece of furniture to hide? Look inside (10)
13 Place in Berkshire for point-to-point (4)
15 Cod that is caught left out for freezing (3-4)
17 Futile way to economise on supplies (7)
19 Contemporary style seen in various quarters (7)
21 In West End, foreign money can be a nuisance (7)
23 Leave out the captain (4)
24 Catherine losing her head in novel (7,3)
27 Film with hesitation in unsteady light (7)
28 Blue material girl has to put back inside (7)
29 Island backing agreement on fish (8)
30 Way in which the average man can be found (6)

DOWN

1 Reduced time for part of army operation (9)
2 It might be a trap for a medium (7)
3 Duke of Milan and Duchess of Malfi, for example (5,5)
5 Notable courtship combined hearts, perhaps (5,4)
6 Type either of the letters right in front you, say (4)
7 Regular visitor somewhat put in the shade (7)
8 Statesman's article used in next broadcast (5)
9 Tables, perhaps, brought up at short notice (4)
14 Signal to renew fighting, slightly mistimed (7,3)
16 Record our Home Counties address (9)
18 Firm set out advertisement quickly (9)
20 Fish in can consumed by political type (7)
22 Arrangement of locks in centre of industry (7)
23 Capital I invested in furniture (5)
25 Dispenses with alliances' choppers (4)
26 Scattered keys forming part of island group (4)

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Solution to Puzzle No 19,327

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WEATHER

Northeast England will have sunny spells and isolated showers. There will be brief bright intervals elsewhere, and some heavy showers. Longer spells of rain will affect parts of Scotland and southern England. Temperatures will be much like yesterday's, but it will be windy for a time in the south-west. Outlook: the north and east will have a dry spell on Sunday, but wet and windy weather will spread from the south-west later.

ABROAD

MIDDAY: t=thunder; d=drizzle; fg=fog; s=sun; sl=sleet; sn=snow; f=fair; c=cloud; r=rain

	C	F			C	F	
Ajaccio	25	77	s	Majorca	27	81	s
Alicante	29	84	s	Malaga	27	81	s
Alex'dria	28	82	s	Malta	31	88	s
Algiers	27	81	s	Melb'rne	13	55	c
Amst'dm	18	64	c	Miami*	26	79	t
Athens	30	86	s	Milan	23	73	f
Bahrain	35	95	s	Montreal*	21	70	f
Bangkok	31	88	c	Moscow	11	52	s
Barbados*	29	84	s	Munich	18	61	f
Barcelona	24	75	f	Naples	26	79	f
Beirut	27	81	s	N Delhi	28	82	d
Belgrade	32	90	s	N York*	25	79	c
Berlin	18	64	s	Nice	27	81	s
Bermuda*	31	88	s	Oslo	16	61	f
Biarritz	21	70	f	Paris	18	64	f
Borde'x	17	63	f	Peking	25	77	s
Brussels	19	66	f	Perth	24	75	s
Budapst	27	81	f	Prague	16	61	r
B Aires*	21	70	s	Reykjavik	9	48	r
Cairo	31	88	s	Rhodes	28	82	s
Cape Tn	16	61	c	Rio de J	25	77	s
Chicago*	23	73	s	Riyadh	39	102	s
Ch'church	14	57	s	Rome	28	82	f
Cologne	18	64	r	Salzburg	16	61	c
C'phagn	13	55	c	S F'risco*	17	63	s
Corfu	28	82	s	Santiago*	19	66	s
Dublin	14	57	c	S Paulo*	16	61	d
Dubrovnik	27	81	f	Seoul	27	81	f
Faro	24	75	s	Sing'por	31	88	f
Florence	26	79	f	Stkholm	15	59	f
Frankfurt	20	68	c	Strasb'rg	20	68	f
Funchal	23	73	f	Sydney	18	61	s
Geneva	18	64	c	Tangier	24	75	s
Gibraltar	24	75	s	Tel Aviv	30	86	s
Helsinki	11	52	s	Tenerife	25	77	c
Innsbruck	15	59	r	Tokyo	29	84	f
Istanbul	24	75	s	Toronto*	21	70	c
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L Palmas	26	79	f	Venice	24	75	s
Le Touet	17	63	r	Vienna	21	70	s
Lisbon	22	72	f	Warsaw	13	55	c
Locarno	17	63	r	Wash'ton*	27	81	f
L Angels*	21	70	s	Wel'ngton	13	55	r
Luxemburg	16	61	c	Zurich	17	63	f
Luxor	35	95	s				
Madrid	21	70	f				

* denotes figures are latest available

LIGHTING-UP TIMES

London 7.55 pm to 5.59 am
Bristol 8.04 pm to 6.09 am
Edinburgh 8.11 pm to 6.07 am
Manchester 8.05 pm to 6.05 am
Penzance 8.15 pm to 6.22 am

TODAY

Sun rises: 6.29 am — Sun sets: 7.25 pm
Moon rises: 12.27 am — Moon sets: 4.34 pm
New moon September 16

London 7.52 pm to 6.01 am
Bristol 8.02 pm to 6.10 am
Edinburgh 8.09 pm to 6.08 am
Manchester 8.02 pm to 6.07 am
Penzance 8.13 pm to 6.23 am

TOMORROW

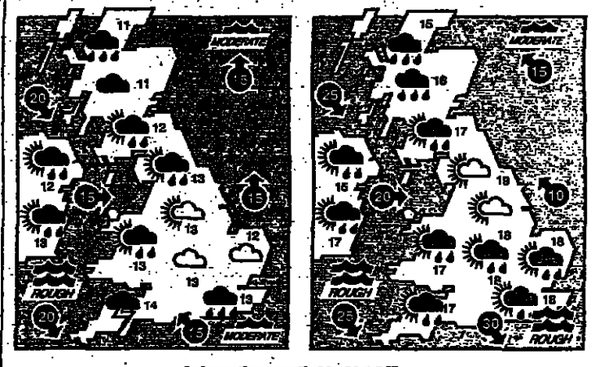
Sun rises: 6.31 am — Sun sets: 7.22 pm
Moon rises: 1.36 am — Moon sets: 5.08 pm
New moon September 16

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AROUND BRITAIN

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Aberdeen	-	0.13	13	55	rain
Anglesey	0.9	0.30	18	64	rain
Aviemore	0.5	0.02	14	57	rain
Belfast	0.9	0.28	19	66	rain
Birmingham	2.8	0.25	19	66	shower
Bognor Regis	7.9	0.06	19	66	shower
Bristol	2.7	0.17	19	66	shower
Buxton	2.0	0.24	18	64	rain
Cardiff	-	0.53	17	63	rain
Clacton	8.9	0.02	19	66	sunny
Colwyn Bay	1.9	0.12	19	66	shower
Eastbourne	7.5	0.01	20	68	sunny
Edinburgh	1.8	0.32	16	61	fog
Eskdalemuir	1.7	0.98	17	63	shower
Exmouth	0.1	0.28	17	63	shower
Falmouth	0.3	0.58	17	63	rain
Folkestone	6.8	0.06	19	66	shower
Glasgow	4.0	0.30	19	66	shower
Guernsey	7.3	-	21	70	bright
Hastings	6.6	-	19	66	sunny
Hunstanton	5.8	0.56	21	70	bright
Isle of Man	0.7	0.02	17	63	shower
Jersey	5.8	0.02	20	68	bright
Kinloss	0.1	0.03	14	57	rain
Leeds	2.0	0.17	19	66	shower
Lerwick	7.5	-	14	57	sunny
Littlehampton	6.0	0.27	19	66	shower
Liverpool	0.8	0.15	18	64	rain
London	6.0	0.13	19	66	bright
Lowestoft	6.4	0.02	20	68	shower
Manchester	0.3	0.09	19	66	rain
Margate	8.4	0.02	20	68	sunny
Morecambe	1.9	0.02	19	66	shower
Newcastle	2.6	0.57	17	63	shower
Newquay	-	0.39	18	61	rain
Nottingham	3.0	0.20	19	66	rain
Penzance	-	1.05	16	61	rain
Plymouth	-	0.48	16	61	rain
Poole	1.4	0.50	19	66	cloudy
Salcombe	3.5	0.48	18	64	shower
Sandown	5.7	0.04	19	66	shower
Saunton Snd	-	0.43	16	61	cloudy
Scarborough	2.9	0.74	16	61	shower
Scilly Isles	0.2	0.28	15	59	rain
Southend	8.6	0.01	21	70	sunny
Southsea	5.2	0.01	19	66	bright
Stornoway	1.9	-	15	59	cloudy
Swanage	2.5	0.28	18	64	cloudy
Tenby	2.6	0.14	18	64	cloudy
Tiree	6.0	0.25	19	66	sunny
Torquay	3.1	0.33	17	63	cloudy
Weymouth	3.4	0.29	18	64	bright
Wick	0.4	0.01	13	55	rain

These are Thursday's figures



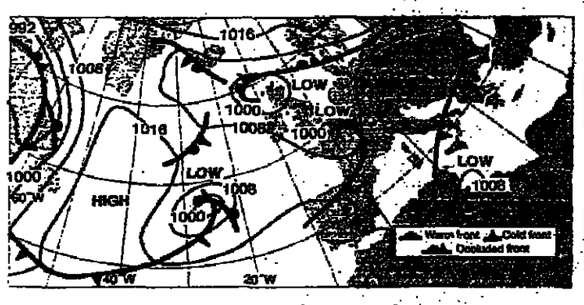
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TODAY'S RATES

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.490	2.250
Austria Sch	18.54	17.04
Belgium Fr	58.70	52.90
Canada $	2.155	1.995
Cyprus Cypf	0.788	0.738
Denmark Kr	10.87	10.07
Finland Mkk	9.04	8.63
France Fr	9.21	8.61
Germany Dm	2.583	2.428
Greece Dr	371.50	346.50
Hong Kong $	12.64	11.84
Ireland Pt	1.119	1.088
Italy Lire	2488.00	2333.00
Japan Yen	181.50	162.00
Malta Mlls	0.6125	0.5575
Netherlands Gld	2.95	2.72
Norway Kr	11.48	10.68
Portugal Esc	285.00	248.50
South Africa Rd	5.85	4.85
Spain Pta	206.50	192.50
Sweden Kr	12.74	11.94
Switzerland Fr	2.303	2.123
Turkey Lira	18500.00	17500.00
USA $	1.6425	1.5125

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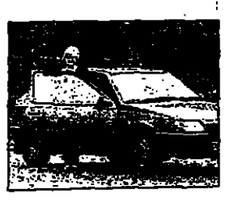
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National & Provincial *tries to right an* incorrect credit card balance and creates even more confusion
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Drivers win cheaper premiums as traditional motor *insurers face the direct* insurance challenge
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THE POUND

US $ ..... 1.5475 (-0.0047)
German mark .... 2.4755 (-0.0065)
Exchange index ..... 81.3 (-0.3)
Bank of England official close (4pm)

STOCK MARKET

FT-SE 100 ..... 3037.0 (+5.8)
Dow Jones . 3600.95 (+11.46)*
Nikkei Avge .... 20817.98 (-7.60)

INTEREST RATES

London Bank Base 6%
3-month interbank..... 5⁹⁄₁₆-⁵⁄₈%
US Federal Funds..... 2¹⁵⁄₁₆%*
3-month Treas Bills. 2.97-2.96%*
Long Bond 5.90%*

CURRENCIES

New York:	London:
£:$ 1.5490*	£.$ 1.5480
$.DM ..1.5978*	£:DM 2.4760
$:SWfr..1.3943*	£:SWfr...2.1525
$:Ffr .. 5.6055*	£:Ffr 8.7075
$:Yen ..106.20*	£:Yen ...164.71
£:SDR ..1.0890	£.ECU ..1.2982

London Forex market close

GOLD

London Fixing ($):
AM 356.00 ..... PM 351.50
Close 350.00-350.50
New York
Comex 350.15-350.65*

RETAIL PRICES

RPI ..... 140.7 July (1.4%)
* Denotes midday trading price

ROBIN MAYES



A creditors' meeting to vote on the plan has been fixed September 30 by the administrators, Stephen Adamson, left, Nigel Hamilton and Alan Bloom

Banks agree to £1.1bn Canary Wharf rescue

BY PATRICIA TEHAN
BANKING CORRESPONDENT

■ The Jubilee line extension is to be given the go-ahead by the government, and a consortium of ten banks will take control of the project

MIRROR Group Newspapers will next week reveal plans to move to Canary Wharf after the announcement yesterday of a £1.1 billion financial rescue package for the docklands development.

Creditors will vote on the plan at the end of the month. If they approve it, Canary Wharf will come out of administration, *the government will* give the go-ahead for the Jubilee line extension and the administrators will hand over control of the project to a consortium of ten banks, led by Lloyds.

Sir Peter Levene, who is currently running the Docklands Light Railway and who used to be head of procurement at the defence ministry, is expected to become chairman of a new Canary Wharf company. Charles Sanderson, a director of Savills, the firm of estate agents and chartered surveyors, is likely to take over as managing director.

The company will report to a new holding company, set up by the banks, named Sylvester Investments, after the cartoon cat *that never* managed to catch Tweety the canary.

The administrators, insolvency partners of Ernst & Young, the accountancy firm, said they had called meetings of unsecured creditors to consider proposals for company voluntary arrangements for five of the main companies. Creditors will vote on the proposals at a meeting on September 30. Approval *would pave the way for* Canary Wharf to come out of administration at the end of October. As soon as that happens, the transport department will give the go-ahead to London Transport and London Underground to enter a formal agreement to build the Jubilee line extension. Work would probably begin early in November.

Mirror Group is thought likely to move next year. It had been looking at various sites and wanted assurance that the Jubilee line would be built before committing itself to Canary Wharf. London Underground will also move to the area.

The rescue package includes a 14-year standstill on repayment of existing debt of £568 million, and of accruing interest. *All 12 banks in the original* consortium have agreed to *defer repayment until 2007.*

However, HSBC and National Bank of Canada refused to provide new finance. The ten remaining banks — Lloyds, Barclays, Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce, Chemical Bank, Citibank, Commerzbank, Crédit Lyonnais, Credit Suisse, Kansallis-Osake-Pankki, and Royal Bank of Canada — as well as the European Investment Bank (EIB), will provide additional finance of £278 million.

The EIB will provide the initial £98 million private-sector payment required by the government for the Jubilee line extension. The consortium of ten banks will provide a letter of credit for £27 million as payment to unsecured creditors and £153 million in long-term support for Canary Wharf development.

Talks between the banks and the government stalled *this year when the government* refused to agree to repay the banks if work on the line was not completed on time. A compromise has been reached, under which the banks will receive £1 million a *month for each month of delay* if work takes longer than 60 months.

Under the company voluntary arrangements, 1,400 unsecured creditors owed between £117 million and £149 million would be paid between 10.6p and 15p in the pound. *Warranties are being sought* from 130 creditors that helped to build the development. Those providing warranties for their work will receive a further 25p in the pound.

If they agree to the package, *unsecured creditors will* give up all claims in respect of the companies. The administrators need the agreement of creditors representing more than 75 per cent of the outstanding debt if the deal is to go ahead.

Stephen Adamson, joint administrator of Canary Wharf, said that if creditors rejected *the package, liquidation* would be almost inevitable. If that happened, "it is unlikely, almost impossible that creditors would receive any dividend at all".

He said the administrators *did not believe* better terms could be obtained. Creditors will be asked to submit claims by the end of November. Mr Adamson said he hoped to pay 7p or 8p in the pound within eight to ten weeks and the final portion three months later.

Administration fees to the *end of August were* £14 million; half was fees to the administrators, and half, legal and estate agency fees.

Dream of city on water revived

THE future for Canary Wharf, the government's Docklands dream of a "City on the Water" began to look a lot brighter yesterday (Patricia Tehan writes).

The £2 billion Canary *Wharf development*, with its 800 ft, 50-storey tower, the tallest office tower in Europe, was planned during the boom years of property development in the 1980s. Work started in 1988.

But, in May 1992, Olympia & York, Canary Wharf's Canadian parent company, collapsed and Canary Wharf became the most spectacular of a long list of property company failures. It was the largest ever property administration. Part of the problem was the complete lack of dependable transport.

After 16 months of hard graft the project has become Britain's most successful administration. The transport problem was eased with the opening of the Limehouse Link and will be revolutionised when the Jubilee line extension opens in 1998. The administrators say the project was the most complex they have ever tackled.

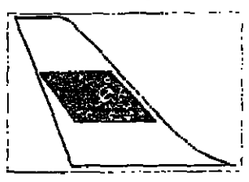
When the administrators took control of the 4.4 million sq ft office and retail development site, only 935,000 sq ft of space was occupied, 21 per cent of the total. Since then, the administrators have persuaded firms to fill another 740,000 sq ft, taking the total to 38 per cent. Another two organisations have now been persuaded to move in. When they do, occupancy will be close to 50 per cent.

Aeroflot may face four-way split

AEROFLOT, the world's biggest air carrier under Soviet communism, is on the verge of being broken up as Russia moves increasingly to market economics (Colin Narborough writes).

In contrast to many of its loss-making Western rivals, *the airline made a $1.2 billion* profit on its international business last year. However, profits are expected to contract sharply this year.

Whether Aeroflot would be better sold off in parts may still be a matter of bitter dispute in Moscow, but the political fragmentation of the former Soviet Union has *meant a de facto breaking up* of the once monolithic airline, as newly independent republics seek the prestige of having their own carriers.



Western airlines have not been slow to exploit the opportunities offered by the opening up of Russia's transcontinental airspace. British Airways already has a joint venture, Air Russia, and other Western airlines have moved in to pick off much of the lucrative *business traffic generated* since the collapse of communism. Vladimir Tikhonov, head of Aeroflot's international commercial section, said in Moscow this week that a decision by the state privatisation agency could mean that the airline's international operations would be split into four independent carriers.

Western airline analysts believe *that the severe political* and economic difficulties with which the Russians are having to cope will make it almost impossible to keep Aeroflot intact. Indeed, many analysts believe that much of its ageing, under-maintained fleet, will have to be scrapped before a viable business *can built* up.

The extremely cheap domestic fares will also have to become a thing of the past if Aeroflot is be commercially viable and an attractive privatisation candidate.

Mr Tikhonov said that the plan would split the international fleet of 200 aircraft, cut the number of destinations and kill off the well-established Aeroflot name in international markets.

He believes that airlines today have to be big to compete effectively in a global market. Aeroflot's sheer size now allows it to subsidise the 30 per cent of its routes that are unprofitable.

Until Russia stabilises its economy, foreign money will *remain difficult to attract*, although some City analysts believe that airlines offer a good opportunity for Western investors.

Trade gap dips to £3.3bn in second quarter

BY COLIN NARBROUGH

BRITAIN'S trade gap narrowed to £3.3 billion in the second quarter from a savagely revised first-quarter deficit of £3.5 billion, according to the latest government figures.

The whole-world trade data, which include new-style figures for the European Community, Britain's biggest trading partner, were, on face value, accepted as very good in the City. The first-quarter *deficit was cut by £1 billion* from the previously reported figure of £4.5 billion.

The improvement will help Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor, dispel fears of a potential current account problem as *the data suggest that the trade* deficit is not worsening as the economy recovers, contrary to many predictions.

But City analysts question the reliability of the data covering EC trade, a system introduced this year under the single market programme. *Particular doubts concerned* the estimate that showed collapsing imports from Europe. Despite the overall improvement, the deficit with the EC doubled to £800 million.

"There are obviously serious problems with the data," John Marsland, economist at UBS, the broker, said. Adrian *Cooper, economist at James* Capel, the broker, said the figures were "totally bizarre" and the reporting system "flatters" the true position. The value of total exports fell £500 million to £29.1 billion in the *second quarter. Imports also* dropped from £33.1 billion to £32.4 billion, the Central Statistical Office said.

Volume exports, stripped of oil and erratic items, such as aircraft and gems, were estimated *to have risen by 1 per* cent, after a fall of 3 per cent in the first quarter. But import volumes fell 5 per cent last quarter after a 3 per cent decline in the first quarter.

Some economists read the picture of rising exports at a time of weak world demand as *evidence that the pound's de*valuation has given a huge lift to British export competitiveness, possibly 25 per cent.

OECD cautious on European recovery

BY OUR ECONOMICS STAFF

THE European recession shows signs of bottoming out, *and recovery may be in sight*, according to Working Party Three (WP3), a key committee of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD).

Hans Tietmeyer, the Bundesbank *vice-president, who* has chaired WP3's quarterly sessions for three years, added a warning to the mildly encouraging assessment: no one can be sure about the economic situation yet.

Kumi Shigehara, head of economics at the OECD, said *it would have to revise down* its most recent growth forecasts for Europe and Japan, while the American economy was moving more or less as projected in July. He said the *need for revisions applied to* Japan in particular because of the stronger yen.

Japanese companies are experiencing the deepest gloom for 18 years, fuelling fears that the economy may slump even *further, according to the Bank* of Japan's latest tankan survey, published yesterday.

Herr Tietmeyer, announcing the results of the WP3 session of central bankers and finance ministry officials in *Paris yesterday, urged a "cau*tious" policy response to the *economic signals being seen.* He said efforts to rebuild credibility and greater economic convergence were necessary.

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Renamed Ratners still in red

BY SUSAN GILCHRIST

THE Ratners name officially receded into corporate history yesterday as shareholders of the battling jewellery group voted to adopt the name Signet.

The name of the company's flamboyant founder could also disappear from the high street next year depending on the outcome of a pilot programme, which will test a new format for the struggling Ratners chain. James McAdam, chairman, admits the Ratners fascia, which currently has 142 outlets, remains "a problem child" in the group. He has therefore stepped up action to convert about 40 shops to the H Samuel name by next spring.

Combined with store closures, Mr McAdam expects the Ratners chain will comprise only 60 shops by mid-1994. He says the conversion programme has proved successful, with the former Ratners stores posting sales gains of between 15 per cent and 20 per cent under the H Samuel name.

The Ratners chain was again the weakest performer in a first half that saw group pre-tax losses fall by 3 per cent from £27.7 million to £26.9 million for the six months to July 31.

Excluding currency movements and an exceptional profit from the disposal of Watches of Switzerland in the previous period, losses were reduced by 20 per cent. Group turnover rose from £363.1 million to £399.6 million, although at constant exchange rates sales fell by 3 per cent, reflecting the impact of the store closure programme, which saw 114 outlets closed in the first half. Like-for-like sales advanced by 2 per cent.

None of the British chains made it into the black although both H Samuel and Ernest Jones recorded increases in like-for-like sales. Underlying sales fell by 12 per cent at Ratners and by 8 per cent at Salisbury's, the luggage and accessories chain. Action is being taken by a new management team to turn Salisbury's round, but Mr McAdam said he would still be prepared to sell it at the right price.

The American operations enjoyed a 5 per cent increase in like-for-like sales as last year's stock problems were sorted out and the business regained market share.

Mr McAdam says the challenge for the group is to boost sales. Having taken almost £100 million out of the cost base over the last two years, the group now has to develop marketing initiatives to lift demand in a sluggish jewellery market. He made a promise that all the chains would be revamped over the next three years.

DENZIL MCNEELANCE



James McAdam, chairman, says Ratners stores' weak performance means that they remain "a problem child".

Bardon sees better times ahead

BY COLIN CAMPBELL, MINING CORRESPONDENT

BARDON, the quarry and aggregates group that raised £72 million in July through a rights issue, senses higher volumes and modestly firmer prices in some parts of its American market. It does not, however, expect substantial improvement in its overall trading performance until 1994, Sir Peter Parker, the chairman, said.

Operating profit in the first half of 1993 was £9.2 million, compared with £13.4 million last time. At the pre-tax level, Bardon made a £59.5 million loss. That included a £60 million provision against Civil & Marine, the company's seadredging business that is currently up for sale. The 1992 interim pre-tax profit was £4.6 million.

However, disregarding exceptionals, the 1993 interim pre-tax profit of £500,000 compares favourably with a £300,000 forecast made in the document setting out the one-for-two rights issue. As then indicated, the interim dividend is held at 0.8p, and an unchanged total for the year of 2p is forecast.

"The worst is undoubtedly behind us," Sir Peter added. Peter Tom, chief executive, said profits from Scottish operations were down on the previous time, having been hurt by bad debts. The civil engineering market in Scotland remained difficult.

Bardon Resources, the English quarrying business, had had a sound half year, despite a continued fall in aggregates demand in the UK.

Talks with unnamed parties concerning the sale of Civil & Marine continue.

Half of Bardon's turnover and profits are generated in America, and Bardon is seeing increasing benefits from the faster pace of economic development in Massachusetts and Maryland.

However, prices in Massachusetts remain the key to how the current financial year ends, and the real impact of higher activity in America will not make itself felt before next year.

The money raised by the 40p a share rights issue helped to clip gearing from 98 per cent to a current 68 per cent, and Bardon aims to lower the figure to about 50 per cent.

An estimated 8 per cent of the equity is held by American investors. The shares fell by 1p, to 48p.

Chief 'stole £2m from pensioners'

BY OUR CITY STAFF

THE chief executive of a building group stole £2 million from its pension fund to pay company debts, a jury was told yesterday.

Gerald Smith, 37, forged an authority to liquidate assets of the Farr Group Pension Fund in January 1990, Southwark Crown Court was told. He also sent cash through banks in Geneva and Panama before bringing it back to this country to reduce debts.

Because of its complicated route it appeared Mr Smith was putting his own funds into the company, David Penry-Davey QC, prosecuting, said. The group, which employed hundreds of people, collapsed in December 1990, with debts of more than £30 million.

Mr Smith, of Almeida Street, Islington, north London, denies seven charges of theft and one charge of forgery.

Mr Penry-Davey described Mr Smith as the company's "ultimate decision-maker and prime mover", whose management style saw him take more and more authority without consulting his board of directors.

He said Mr Smith "was not a trustee in the pension fund and was not entitled to act in the way he did".

The trial was adjourned until Monday.

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Brent oil price falls to lowest since June 1990

THE price of Brent North Sea crude oil fell below $16 a barrel in London yesterday, to its lowest level since June 1990. Brent for October delivery traded at $15.80 a barrel on the International Petroleum Exchange at the start of the afternoon, down from $16 at the close on Thursday. It had earlier slipped to $15.66 before rallying slightly. Analysts said the breaching of the technical barrier of $15.90 a barrel had accentuated the fall.

Prices fell at the start of the week after the International Energy Agency revised down its forecasts of world oil demand. The agency cut its estimate for demand in the third quarter by 300,000 barrels per day (bpd), to 65.8 million bpd, and said fourth-quarter demand would be 68.4 million bpd. In the first quarter of 1994, demand would rise to 69.1 million bpd, falling to 66.5 million bpd in the second quarter. The agency said Opec's crude oil production had risen by 100,000 bpd a day in August, to 24.71 million bpd.

Vinten lifts dividend

VINTEN Group, the specialist optical, broadcast and camera equipment maker, is raising its dividend to 2.1p (1.9p) despite sliding into the red at the halfway stage, after making hefty provisions on the sale of a loss-making business in America. Vinten dived to a pre-tax loss of £1.71 million in the six months to end-June, against a profit of £4.29 million last time. Trading profit showed a healthy 23.8 per cent upturn to £6 million. Turnover advanced 20.1 per cent to £43.7 million.

Gaskell cuts prices

GASKELL, the quoted Lancashire carpet-maker, gave a warning of disappointing trading in the first half, saying that it had been forced to cut prices to defend market share. Operating losses were £369,000. In the comparable period last year, Gaskell made a £286,000 operating profit. However, a one-off profit of £913,000 from a factory fire claim has resulted in a rise in pre-tax profits to £393,000 from £15,000. The interim dividend is being maintained at 1.5p a share.

Bletchley accelerates

STRONG performances from all divisions helped Bletchley Motor Group achieve a 30 per cent advance in first-half profits. The multi-franchise motor vehicle distributor continued its recovery, lifting pre-tax profits to £785,000 in the six months to end-June, up from £604,000 last time, on turnover ahead 13 per cent to £39.6 million. Earnings, diluted by last year's share placing, dip to 10.9p a share, down from 11.4p last time, but the interim dividend is raised to 4.75p (4.4p).

Freehold fetches £62.5m

TWO French insurance companies, GAN and UAP, have bought the freehold of 20 St James's Square in the West End of London for £62.5 million in what is one of the biggest property transactions in the area undertaken this year. The freehold was bought from Kumagai Gumi, one of the top six Japanese construction companies, which developed the site at the end of the 1980s. It is believed the net yield will be 7.5 per cent. The building has been let to Grand Metropolitan since 1990.

Beattie raises payout

JAMES Beattie, the department store group based in Wolverhampton, is raising its interim dividend to 1.5p from 1.4p, in spite of a 30.8 per cent slide in first-half profits. Pre-tax profits fell to £1.22 million in the half year to end-July, down from £1.76 million last time. Investment income and interest receipts fell to £626,000, sliding from £1.04 million previously, reflecting lower interest rates. Earnings per share slip to 1.73p (2.51p). Sales advanced 5.3 per cent to £37.4 million.

Armour Trust ahead

ARMOUR Trust, the holding company with interests in automotive components and confectionery, increased pre-tax profits by 15 per cent to £1.6 million (£1.4 million) in the year to the end of April, and earnings to 4.2p (3.7p). The final dividend of 1.2p, up 10 per cent, takes the total payment to 1.6365p (1.4885p). The company said growth should be measured against the impact of the pound's devaluation, which increased the price of sugar — a key cost — 20 per cent.

Elys holds interim

PRE-TAX profits of Elys (Wimbledon), the retailer, fell by 39 per cent from £121,000 to £74,000 for the six months to end-July. Turnover also slipped from £5.7 million to £5.1 million. The group said trading had been difficult in the first half, due to an overcapacity of retail space in the Wimbledon area, which far outstripped demand. It believed an upturn was unlikely before next year. Earnings fell to 4.1p a share from 6.7p, but the interim dividend is held at 1.5p per share.

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BUSINESS PROFILE: **Simon Murray**

Soldier of fortune seeks fresh adventure

Hong Kong's most colourful English *taipan* is taking on a new challenge, Lulu Yu says





As a foreign legionnaire in his 20s, Simon Murray honed the qualities of toughness and readiness for risk that took him to the top in Hong Kong's business world

Once upon a time, Simon Murray was forced to stand up and fight fellow paratroopers in the French Foreign Legion with his fists. He demonstrated his guts by not backing down. There are great similarities between Simon Murray the legionnaire, and Simon Murray the corporate *taipan*, who this week was appointed head of Deutsche Bank's fast-expanding Asia-Pacific operations. He starts on January 1.

In his nine years as managing director of Hutchison Whampoa, he showed Li Ka-shing, his powerful boss, that he was a man of substance. He could go to the knuckle when required; he also knew when to knuckle under.

Mr Murray's life is full of colour and contrasts. He loves "romance" and "variety", he loves literature and politics. He thinks that to be boring is a sin. "I'd hate to go to university, work for a firm for 40 years, play rounds of golf, pay off the mortgage and collapse on an armchair to die."

Now 53, and leaving a group in which Mr Li's two sons are being groomed for the top, this unusual Englishman, fluent in German, French and Thai, is joining another foreign company to start yet another adventure.

He will be Deutsche Bank's chief executive in Asia, based in Hong Kong and looking after the German giant's interests from Japan to Australia. He remains a non-executive director of Hutchison and of Cheung Kong Holdings, Mr Li's property flagship.

He said his parting with Mr Li had been amicable. "No one has ever done more for me than K. S. Li," he told *The Times* after his resignation. "I know he is very fond of me, and the feeling is reciprocated." He said he saw Mr Li as a "hero"; that was why he had left Jardine Matheson, the British *hong (trading house) that had* employed him for 14 years, to work for Hutchison in 1984. "It was because of Li that I went, not because of Hutchison. I admired the man."

By acquiring Hutchison from Hongkong and Shanghai Bank in 1979, Mr Li became the first Chinese *taipan* to rival the British trading companies. In 1985, he did it again, wresting control of Hong Kong Electric, one of the colony's two power suppliers, from the debt-ridden Jardine group.

Today, Hutchison has well-defined interests in property, container terminals, retailing, telecommunications, electricity and oil. In the 1970s and early 1980s, it was a pot-pourri, built up by acquisition. "It was a company that was difficult to see as a single entity," Mr Murray said. "Its image was too soft. I wanted it to be seen as Hong Kong's number one company. If Jardines could have such a wonderful name and make less money than us, we should do something about it."

In his time, Hutchison has shaped up, trimmed down, and expanded overseas, chiefly by acquiring Husky Oil in Canada and establishing Hutchison Telecom in the UK. The move abroad reflected the political mood of the time, the uncertainties businessmen felt after the 1984 signing of the Sino-British pact on Hong Kong's future.

"It was a kind of fail-safe system in the event that the market became difficult or depressed in the run-up to 1997," Mr Murray said. "It was political but not just political. We simply had too much in Hong Kong — electricity, container terminals, properties, telecommunications. We were receiving a few glances from the government. People were wondering: is there something menacing about this?"

Some analysts saw the Husky acquisition as a bold, visionary move. Others thought it was madness. What was a Hong Kong company doing toying with a North American oil business?

When the Husky deal was sealed, Mr Murray recalls, "K. S. said to me: 'Simon, I'm really happy.' And he asked his secretary to bring in two glasses of Cognac, and we had a toast, at three in the afternoon. It was a special moment." There were others. He recounted an incident which showed a little-known side of Mr Li. "We were talking about a Japanese stock. I was recommending it to him. He said, if it's so good, why don't you buy it, I'll lend you the money. I turned down his offer and never thought about it again. A year later, he handed me a big cheque and said it was the profit I'd made from that stock."

Hutchison made big profits, year after year, but also ploughed cash into loss-making investments. Husky was the first disaster. Depressed oil prices, and a forced buyout of Nova, a Canadian partner, meant Hutchison had to make huge provisions, which wiped out all the gains made in Hong Kong. Hutchison Telecom in the UK, of which Hutchison has a 65 per cent stake, looks like a black hole. Mr Murray's vision of a new personal communications network costs a lot of money — HK$1 billion (£84 million) has been spent so far, another HK$9 billion can be expected by 1995.

In an about-turn that amounted to a slap in the face for Mr Murray and his executives, Mr Li announced late last year that he would scale down telecommunications investments in Britain and refocus on Hong Kong. Mr Murray, always accessible to the press, did not answer enquiries for several days. In the end, Mr Li issued a statement saying Hutchison would concentrate on Hong Kong and China, but PCN would be "under the right, direct control of the Hong Kong head office". More than 40 UK staff had already been sacked.

Many believe the episode led to Mr Murray's resignation. He denies, however, that a rift developed between him and other Hutchison executives, and remains convinced that PCN will be successful. "Telecom is not finished," he said. "We haven't even started the PCN. It'd be wrong to write it off. Look at our telecom business in Hong Kong. Started from scratch and it makes a billion bucks a year."

He is bitter about the way Husky was perceived, as if it was meant to be a quick investment. "People should remember that if you want to get into a big game and you're not prepared for the big swings, you shouldn't be in it."

People who have dealt with Mr Murray give him high marks. "He is highly regarded in the financial world," John Hung, executive director of World International Holdings, said. "He's done a great deal to help the positioning of Hutchison. The company's high profile is to a large extent due to what he had done in his first six years." George Cardona, group planning controller of Hongkong Bank, added: "He is dynamic and inspirational. He works very hard, but knows how to delegate, too."

Mr Murray joined the French Foreign Legion when he was 19, left at 24 and became a Jardine man at 26. That was in 1966. The *hong* made a profit of HK$16 million that year, and Mr Murray £800. The second-class private soldier started from the bottom, selling toilets and industrial goods in Thailand and working his way up to become manager of Jardine's trading division.

Jardine, he says, was a very different company from Hutchison. "There was a swashbuckling atmosphere. The Jardine people strode through the town in a way that made you feel these guys owned the place." Hutchison, on the other hand, was a Western-style company with a lot of Chinese influence. "Chinese companies tend to be flat. Everyone reports to the boss. We're more like a military structure, with generals and divisional commanders." The Hutchison years, he said, had been fun. "I'm a team player. I enjoy winning the games. I love climbing mountains. Good views from the top, sense of achievement."

City loses another big name

By Sarah Bagnall

THE death knell rang out for another famous City name yesterday when analysts and salesmen at a traditional stockbroking firm were summoned at 9am and told their services were no longer required.

Banque Indosuez is dropping the Carr Kitcat & Aitken name as part of a restructuring of its stockbroking operations, a process that involves the loss of 42 jobs.

It marks the end of a turbulent time for the firm, relaunched under its latest guise when Indosuez bought the name and merged it with WI Carr in July 1990. The firm joins a long list of famous City names that have disappeared in the wake of Big Bang, including Phillips & Drew, Scrimgeour Vickers, and Savory Milln, all now part of much larger banking operations and all foreign-owned.

This is not the first time Kitcat & Aitken has been closed. When it was a wholly-owned arm of the Royal Bank of Canada, the bank closed it in May 1991 after mounting losses and blamed overcapacity in the London securities industry.

The future looked bleak until Deutsche Bank stepped in with takeover plans. After 12 days of discussions, the bank withdrew, much to the surprise of the stockbroking firm's directors.

Two weeks later, Banque Indosuez stepped in, saving the jobs of 24 senior salesmen, analysts and dealers along with the Kitcat & Aitken name. The French bank merged the personnel with its other broking operation, WI Carr, renaming the business Carr Kitcat & Aitken.

The newly-formed operation then set out to build the UK client base of a firm, which had traditionally specialised in the Far East and in selling British shares abroad. The purchase of the Kitcat & Aitken name was rumoured to have cost £100,000 and followed the bank's acquisition of Gartmore, the fund manager, as part of its London expansion plans.

Indosuez's ownership was never problem free. The bank lost Kitcat's team of leisure analysts, which Extel had ranked in the top three covering the sector, to Smith New Court. Other departures followed including Kitcat's number one rated insurance analyst to SG Warburg.

In June 1991, Indosuez was forced to inject up to £20 million of extra capital into Carr Kitcat & Aitken, to satisfy regulators that it was able to cover potential losses from Polly Peck International. The broker was among several City firms later left holding worthless Polly Peck shares.

The latest move leaves the bank conducting institutional stockbroking business through five specialist teams in overseas equities and gilts. Indosuez said it will now offer no more than a limited service in UK equities to its institutional clients.

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Andrew Staniland, chief executive of Headway, right, and Peter Hodgson, finance director, with enthusiastic fans of the group's playground equipment. Lower interest charges helped lift pre-tax profits 15 per cent to £272,000, in spite of depressed trade. The dividend stays at 0.7p.

SB shares hit after drug ruling

From Philip Robinson in New York

SHARES of SmithKline Beecham, the Anglo-American pharmaceutical giant, fell sharply on Wall Street, after US drug regulators rejected its application to sell a reduced strength non-prescription version of Tagamet, its anti-ulcer drug, to heartburn sufferers.

The American patent on Tagamet runs out next year, and the company is anxious to gain a strong foothold in the over-the-counter market before other versions appear.

But two advisory committees to the US Food and Drug Administration expressed concerns about the drug's effect on people taking asthma, blood-thinning or seizure medicines and said that SB's studies did not show how the new drug would affect the elderly.

The decision delays a move by SB into a market worth an estimated $1 billion a year and where it would compete with existing over-the-counter antacid products. FDA officials said Tagamet had been shown to be safe and effective as a prescription anti-ulcer drug.

The committees said safety concerns over the effect on those taking other drugs could be resolved with adequate warning labels. But the FDA's gastro-intestinal and non-prescription drug advisory panels said that SB had not proved that Tagamet in a lower dose was more effective in fighting heartburn and other stomach disorders than placebos, a criteria it must meet.

SB said that it would meet FDA officials to resolve the question of medical tests. SB shares were down $1 by lunchtime in New York to $31.875. In London, the company's A shares closed 11p lower at 417p.

Japanese confidence at 18-year low

From Reuter in Tokyo

JAPAN'S corporate boardrooms are in the deepest gloom for 18 years, stoking fears that the economy might slump even further, a central bank survey shows.

Economists said the sickly business confidence revealed in the Bank of Japan's *tankan* survey would raise pressure on the bank to cut its key lending rate and on the government to take bold fiscal steps to boost the economy.

"We need a discount rate cut and fiscal stimulus," said Hidehiko Okumura, chief economist at Nomura Research Institute. "There must be a balance between fiscal and monetary policy."

The *tankan* survey was conducted in August and covered 7,376 companies. It is a key barometer of business confidence and important reference for formulating monetary policy. The *tankan's* diffusion index for big manufacturers, which compares the ratio of those who expect business to improve with those who expect it to worsen, slipped to minus 51 in August, from minus 49 in May.

Signs that Japan's long-stagnant economy remains stalled and risks deteriorating have already prompted the new coalition government of Morihiro Hosokawa, prime minister, to draft a new package of stimulative measures by mid-month.

Financial markets also expect the bank soon to cut its official discount rate by at least 50 basis points, from its current historic low of 2.5 per cent, to help spur the economy.

Some private economists had expected even worse figures in the *tankan* survey, and Geoffrey Barker, an economist at Baring Securities, said that the survey could mark the bottom of the current recession.

"The issue isn't whether or not the economy is getting worse, but that it isn't getting any better and to make it get better, they have to cut rates," Paul Summerville, head of research at Lehman Brothers Japan, said.

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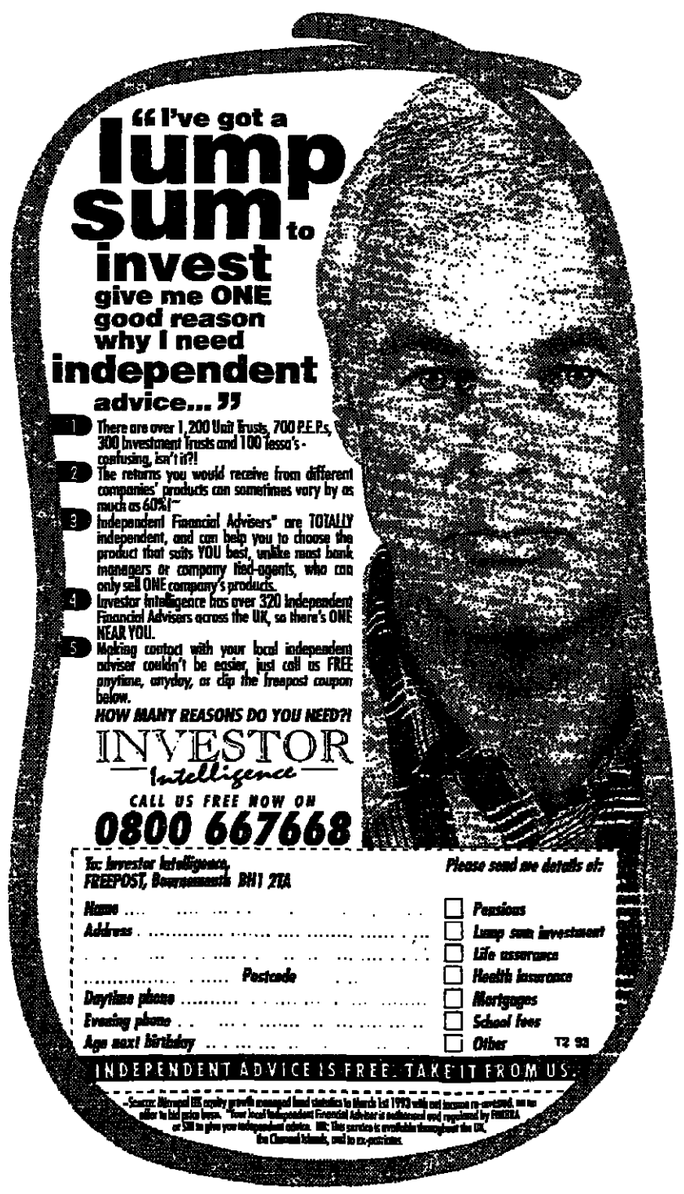
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Funds flood in for water companies

DOUBLE-FIGURE gains were recorded among the water companies as institutional buyers came flooding back into the market-place.

The water companies' strong yields and some words of encouragement from Smith New Court, the broker, were enough to revive the interest of fund managers and shake off recent fears about regulatory worries and the huge expenditure programme needed to bring water purity up to EC standards. Smith New Court was coy about its message to clients, but is believed to have told them there is still scope for improvement in the sector, which will bring rewards once interest rates fall again.

Stock shortages exaggerated some of the gains which included **Anglian**, up 12p at 540p, **Northumbrian**, 10p at 653p, **North West**, 12p at 526p, **Severn Trent**, 13p at 556p, **Southern**, 13p at 576p, **South West**, 15p at 580p, **Thames**, 12p at 547p, **Welsh**, 15p at 633p, **Wessex**, 11p at 644p and **Yorkshire**, 16p at 565p.

The rest of the equity market ended the week on a subdued note anxiously waiting to see if Wall Street could consolidate its position above 3,600. But prices managed to move into positive territory on further reflection of Thursday's cut by the Bundesbank in German interest rates.

The FT-SE 100 index closed below its best, 5.8 points up at 3,037, in thin conditions with 596 million shares traded.

Glaxo continued to make headway with a rise of 12p to 640p on reflection of Thursday's profits news. But **SmithKline Beecham** fell 12p to 417p after the US Food and Drug Administration refused permission for Tagamet, its anti-ulcer drug, to be sold over the counter. It is still available on prescription.

The mobile telephone operators clawed back some of this week's losses created by fears of a price war after the launch of Mercury's new cellular system. **BT** firmed 3p to 419p, **Securicor** rose 8p to £10.73, while **Vodafone** added 4p to 493p, helped by a recommendation from Goldman Sachs.

Hewetson fell 5p to 40p, after warning that figures for the current year to March 1994 will fall short of market expectations. But they will not be significantly different from last year, when pre-tax profits fell from £1.62 million to £750,000. The group blamed low demand at its Contract Flooring Sales subsidiary during July, and a delay in the recovery of its raised access flooring business.

Babcock International continued to reel from a profits warning this week, falling a further 2p to 29½p, for a two-day loss of 10½p.

Yesterday, the company gave a briefing to fund managers and brokers after warning that it will make a loss in the first half and be unable to pay a dividend, blaming cost overruns on the Drax power station contract. The market is now worried that the group will have to make a rights issue in order to strengthen the balance sheet. By the close of business, a total of 29 million shares had changed hands.

Amber Day remained steady at 72p, after learning of the appointment of Keith Paskins as finance director. His retailing experience includes Debenhams and Galerias Preciados in Spain.

But there was little cheer for **Ratners**, the jeweller, down 2p at 32½p, after reporting a reduced interim loss down from £27.67 million to £26.9 million helped by a 2 per cent increase in like-for-like sales. The group tried to sweeten the pill with news that improved trading margins had been maintained and the three-year reorganisation programme was on schedule.

BAA Group, the independent airport operator, recovered an early fall to finish up 2p at 820p, after reporting that the number of passengers handled in August had grown almost 5 per cent on the same period last year. Gatwick saw the highest increase, with 18 per cent extra passengers.

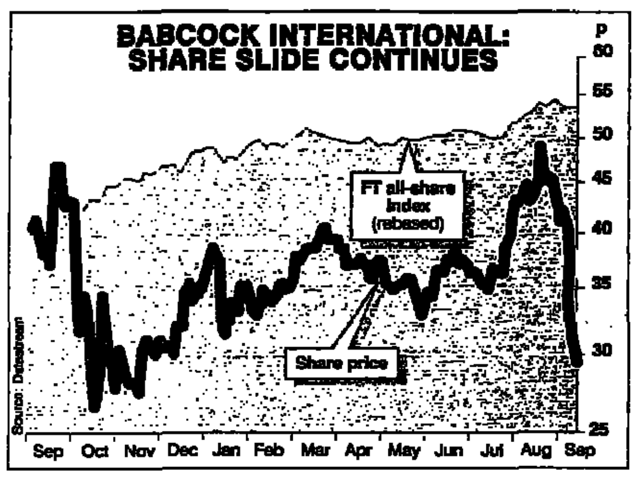
Tiphook, the trailer and container rental group, responded to details of its first fleet utilisation report with a rise of 24p to 268p. Average utilisation of its 20 ft containers in August grew from 81.88 to 81.99 per cent on the previous month. Trailer utilisation was also higher, although the summer is traditionally the group's quietest period. Tiphook fell foul of the market by unveiling losses after several profit warnings.

☐ **GILT-EDGED** staged a late rally, after the Bank of England decided not to issue any new stock. Details of the next gilts auction are expected to be announced next Friday. The December series of the Long Gilt firmed £1/16 to £114 1/32, as 35,000 contracts were completed. In the cash market **Treasury 9½ per cent 1999** finished down 3/32 at £113¼, while at the longer end **Treasury 9 per cent 2012** was seven ticks better at £118 9/32.

Speculative buying lifted Meyer International 20p to 414p, a rise on the week of 51p. Speculators are ruling out a bid. They are pinning their hopes on a disposal, with the Jewson builders' merchant chain in the frame.

Pittencrieff held steady at 324p. Grieg Middleton, the broker, rates the shares a buy and says the company's holding of 6.4 million shares in PCI is worth £92 million. Pittencrief's own stock market value is £92 million.

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WALL STREET

Dow makes early gain

New York — Shares held slight opening gains as investors were encouraged by a firming bond market and favourable inflation data.

"The market is nervous and kind of sensitive to any kind of economic number," Steven Van Brunt, vice-president of equity trading at Nikko Securities, said.

The Dow Jones industrial average rose 6.15 points to 3,595.64 in early trading. "Intel and some of the computer stocks are pretty good," he added, noting some strength in blue chips. *Reuter*

	Sep 10 midday	Sep 9 close
AMP Inc	69⅞	69¼
AMR Corp	62⅞	63⅞
Abbott Labs	26	26⅛
Aetna Life	59⅝	59⅝
Ahmanson (HF)	20⅝	20⅜
Air Prod & Chem	41	40⅞
Albertsons	33⅛	33⅝
Alcan Aluminium	19⅞	20
Alco Standard	45⅝	45⅝
Allied Signal	71⅞	71⅞
Alum Co of Am	71⅛	72⅞
Amax	22⅞	23⅛
Amerada Hess	50	51
Amer Brands	32⅞	32⅞
Amer Cyanamid	53⅞	53⅞
Amer El Power	39⅞	39
Amer Express	34	33⅞
Amer Genl Corp	34⅝	34⅛
Amer Home Pr	62⅞	62⅞
Amer Intl	99⅞	98⅞
Amer Stores	44⅛	44⅛
Amer T & T	60⅞	61
Ameritech	88	87
Amoco	55⅞	55⅞
Anheuser-Busch	48	48⅞
Apple Computer	26	26
Archer Daniels	23⅞	23⅞
Arkla	8⅞	8⅞
Armco	6⅞	6⅞
Armstrng Wrld	39⅞	38⅞
Asarco	18⅞	18⅞
Ashland Oil	32⅞	32⅞
Atl Richfield	113⅞	113⅞
Auto Data Prp	48⅞	48⅞
Avery Dennison	26⅞	26⅞
Avon Products	50⅞	50⅞
Baker Hughes	24⅝	25⅞
Baltim Gas & El	26⅞	26⅞
Banc One	42⅝	41⅞
BankAmerica	48⅞	48⅞
Bank of NY	55⅞	54½
Bankers Tr NY	81⅛	82
Barnett Banks	46⅞	46
Bausch & Lomb	46⅞	47⅞
Baxter Intl	21⅛	21⅛
Becton Dickinsn	35⅞	35⅞
Bell Atlantic	65⅞	63⅞
BellSouth	60⅞	59⅞
Black & Decker	20⅞	20⅞
Block (H&R)	40⅞	39⅞
Boeing	40⅞	39⅞
Boise Cascade	21	21⅛
Borden Inc	18⅞	17⅞
Bristol Myrs Sq	55⅞	56⅞
Browning Ferris	22⅞	23⅞
Burlington Nthn	52⅞	52⅞
CBS	263	262⅞
CNA Financial	87⅞	87⅞
CPC Intl	44½	44½
CSX	75⅞	74⅞
Campbell Soup	38⅞	38⅞
Can Pacific	15⅞	15⅞
Cpd Cities ABC	544	536½
Cpd Holdings	42⅞	41⅛
Carolina Pwr	33⅞	33⅞
Caterpillar	79⅞	80⅞
Central & SW	33⅛	33⅞
Champion Intl	31⅛	31⅛
Chase Manhat	36⅞	36½
Chemical Bk	43⅛	43
Chevron Corp	89	89
Chrysler	44⅛	43⅞
Chubb Corp	88⅞	88⅞
Cigna Corp	65	63⅞
Citicorp	35⅞	35⅞
Clorox	52⅞	53⅞
Coastal Corp	27⅞	27⅞
Coca Cola	43⅞	43
Colgate-Palmolive	51⅛	51⅛
Columbia Gas	26⅞	26⅞
Commonw Ed	30⅞	30⅞
Compaq Comp	56⅞	56⅞
Comp Ass Int	30⅞	30⅞
Conagra	24⅛	24⅛
Cons Edison	37⅞	37⅞
Cons Nat Gas	54⅞	54⅞
Cons Rail	52⅞	52⅞
Cooper Inds	51⅛	50⅞
Corning Inc	32⅞	32⅞
Crown Cork	34⅞	34⅞
Dana Corp	54⅞	54⅞
Dayton Hudson	65⅞	65⅞
Deere	69⅞	69⅞
Delta Air Lines	52⅞	52⅞
Deluxe Corp	38⅛	38⅞
Detroit Edison	35⅞	35⅞
Digital Equip	43	41⅛
Dillard Dept St	34⅛	34⅛
Disney (Walt)	38⅞	38⅞
Dominion Res	48	47⅞
Donnelley (RR)	31	31⅛
Dover Corp	54⅞	54⅞
Dow Chemicals	59⅞	58⅞
Dow Jones	30⅞	30⅞
Dresser	22	22
Duke Power	43⅞	43⅞
Dun & Brdstreet	60⅞	60⅞
Du Pont	47⅞	47⅞
Eastman Kodak	60⅞	59⅞
Eaton Corp	49⅞	49⅞

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Emerson Elec	59⅞	60⅛
Engelhard Corp	40⅞	40⅞
Enron Corp	35	35⅞
Entergy Corp	39⅞	39⅞
Ethyl Corp	18⅞	18⅞
Exxon	65⅞	64⅞
FMC Corp	49⅞	49⅞
FPL Group	40⅞	40
Federal Express	55⅞	56⅞
Fed Nat Mrge	78⅞	77⅞
First Chicago	48⅞	48⅞
First Interstate	64⅞	64⅞
First Union Rlty	11	10⅞
Fleet Finl Grp	33⅛	32⅞
Fluor Corp	43⅞	43⅞
Ford Motor	53⅞	52⅞
GTE Corp	36⅞	36⅞
Gannett	49⅞	49⅞
Gap Inc Del	27⅞	26⅞
Gen Dynamics	94⅞	95⅞
Gen Electric	95⅞	95⅞
Gen Mills	61	61
Gen Motors	46⅞	46
Gen Reinsurance	132⅞	132⅞
Gen Signal	32⅞	32⅞
Genuine Parts	37⅞	37⅞
Georgia Pac	61⅛	61⅞
Gillette	53⅞	52⅞
Glaxo ADR	19⅞	19⅞
Goodrich (BF)	45⅞	45⅞
Goodyear Tire	42⅞	42⅞
Grace (WR)	36⅞	36⅞
Grt Atl Pac Tea	28⅞	28⅞
Great Wstn Fin	19⅞	19⅞
Halliburton	37⅞	38
Harcourt General	40⅞	40⅞
Heinz (HJ)	37	37
Hercules	89⅞	86⅞
Hershey Foods	50⅞	50
Hewlett Packard	69⅞	68⅞
Hilton Hotels	45	44⅞
Home Depot	41⅛	41⅞
Homestake Mng	16	16⅞
Honeywell	35⅞	35⅞
Household Intl	77⅞	77⅞
Houston Inds	46⅞	46⅞
Humana	12⅞	12⅞
ITT Corp	93½	92⅞
Illinois Tool	40	39⅞
INCO	20	20⅞
Ingersoll Rand	38⅞	38⅞
Inland Steel	27⅞	26⅞
Intel Corp	65⅞	64⅞
IBM	43⅞	49⅞
Intl Flav & Fr	113⅞	113⅞
Intl Paper	62⅞	62⅞
James River Va	21	21⅛
Jhnsn & Jhnsn	38⅞	38⅞
K Mart	22⅞	22⅞
Kellogg	53⅞	53⅞
Kerr-McGee	53⅞	53⅞
Kimberly-Clark	50	49⅞
Knight-Ridder	53⅞	53⅞
Lilly (Eli)	47⅞	47⅞
Limited Inc	21⅛	21⅛
LIN Brdcstng	116	115⅞
Lincoln Nat	46⅞	46½
Litton	62	61⅛
Liz Claiborne	21⅛	22⅞
Lockheed Corp	62	61⅛
Louisiana Pac	34⅞	33⅞
MCI Commun	27⅞	28
Marriott	28⅞	27⅞
Marsh & McLnn	90⅞	90⅞
Masco Corp	30⅞	30⅞
May Dept St	42⅞	41⅛
Maytag Corp	16⅞	16⅞
McCaw Cellular	54⅞	54⅛
McDonalds	53⅞	53⅞
McDonnell D	86⅞	86⅞
McGraw Hill	66⅞	66⅞
Mead Corp	46⅞	47
Medtronic	61⅛	61⅛
Mellon Bk	59⅞	59
Melville Corp	42⅞	43
Merck Inc	31⅛	31⅛
Merrill Lynch	97⅞	97⅞
Minnesota Mine	106⅞	106⅞
Mobil Corp	77⅞	77⅞
Monsanto	63⅞	63⅞
Morgan (JP)	78⅞	77⅞
Motorola Inc	94⅞	93⅞
Natl Medical	7⅞	7⅞
Natl Semi	20⅞	18⅞
Natl Service Ind	25⅞	25⅞
Navistar Int	20⅞	20⅞
NBD Bancorp	33	32⅞
NY Times A	23⅞	23⅞
Newmont Mng	46⅞	45⅞
Niag Mohawk	25	24⅞
Nike B	51⅛	52⅞
NL Industries	6	6
Nordstrom	28⅞	28⅞
Norfolk Sthrn	66⅞	66⅞
Nthn State Pwr	47⅞	46⅞
Norwest Corp	27⅞	27⅞
Nynex Corp	94⅞	93⅞
Occidental Pet	20⅞	20⅞
Ohio Edison	25⅞	25⅞
Oracle Systems	51	50⅞

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Oryx Energy Co	21⅛	22⅞
Owens Corning	42	41⅛
PNC Financial	31⅛	30⅞
PPG Industries	67⅞	65⅞
Paccar Inc	63⅞	64⅞
Pacificorp	20⅞	20⅞
Pac Enterprises	25⅞	26
Pac Gas & Elect	35⅞	35⅞
Pac Telesis	54	54⅞
Pall Corp	19⅞	19⅞
Panhandle East	25⅞	25⅞
Paramnt Comm	59	56⅞
Parker Hannifin	33⅞	33
Penney (JC)	42⅞	41⅛
Pennzoil	64⅞	65⅞
Pepsico	40⅞	39⅞
Pfizer	62⅞	62⅞
Phelps Dodge	42⅞	45
Philadel Elec	32⅞	31⅛
Philip Morris	47⅞	47⅞
Phillips Pet	31⅛	32
Pitney Bowes	37⅞	39⅞
Polaroid	38⅞	37⅞
Price Co	36⅞	36
Primerica	44⅞	43⅞
Procter & Gmbl	48⅞	48⅞
Pub Serv E & G	35⅞	35
Quaker Oats	69⅞	68⅞
Ralston Purina	37⅞	37⅞
Raychem Corp	41	40⅞
Raytheon	62⅞	62⅞
Reebok Intl	24⅞	25⅞
Reynolds Metals	45⅞	46⅞
Roadway Srvcs	58⅞	58⅞
Rockwell Intl	35⅞	35⅞
Rohm & Haas	51⅛	50⅞
Royal Dutch	102⅞	101⅞
Rubbermaid	32⅞	32⅞
Safeco Corp	62⅞	62⅞
St Paul's Cos	92	90⅞
Salomon Inc	51⅛	51
Santa Fe Pac	17⅞	17⅞
Sara Lee Corp	25⅞	25⅞
Scecorp	25⅞	25⅞
Schering Plough	60⅞	60⅞
Schlumberger	64	64⅞
Scott Paper	33	33⅞
Seagram	26⅛	26⅞
Sears Roebuck	56	54⅛
Shell Trans	60⅞	60⅞
Sherwin Wllms	34⅞	34⅞
Skyline Corp	17⅞	17
Snap-On-Tools	39⅞	40
Southern Co	44⅞	44⅞
Sthwestern Bell	45⅞	44⅞
Sprint Corp	36⅞	36⅞
Stanley Works	40⅞	41⅛
Sun Company	27⅞	27⅞
Suntrust	43⅞	41⅛
Supervalu	36⅞	35⅞
Syntex Corp	18⅞	18⅞
Sysco Corp	28⅞	28⅞
TRW Inc	63⅞	63⅞
Tandem Comp	9⅞	9⅞
Tandy Corp	35⅞	33⅞
Telecom Corp	3⅞	3⅞
Teledyne	24⅛	24⅞
Temple Inland	42⅞	42⅞
Tenneco	52⅞	52⅞
Texaco	64⅞	64⅞
Texas Inst	79	77⅞
Texas Utilities	47⅞	47⅞
Textron	56⅞	56⅞
Time Warner	41⅞	41⅛
Times-Mirror	30⅞	31
Timken	33⅞	33
Torchmark	58⅞	59⅞
Toys R Us	35	34½
Transamerica	59⅞	59⅞
Travelers Corp	34⅞	34⅞
Tribune	51⅛	51⅛
Tyco Labs	43⅞	44
UAL Corp	144⅞	143
UST Inc	27⅞	26⅞
USX Marathon	19⅞	19⅞
Unilever NV	108⅞	109
Union Camp	44⅛	44⅞
Union Carbide	18⅞	18⅞
Union Pacific	61⅛	62
Unisys Corp	11⅞	11⅛
USAIR Group	14⅞	14⅞
USF&G Corp	18	18
US Life	42⅞	41⅞
US West	46⅞	46⅞
United Tech	57	55⅞
Unocal Corp	27⅞	28
Upjohn	27⅞	27⅞
VF Corp	42⅞	42
WMX Tech	31⅛	30⅞
Wal-Mart Stores	24⅞	24⅞
Warner-Lambert	68⅞	69
Wells Fargo	121⅞	119⅞
Westinghouse El	14⅞	14⅛
Weyerhaeuser	39	39⅞
Whirlpool	63⅞	63⅞
Whitman	14⅞	14⅞
Winn Dixie	60⅞	60⅞
Woolworth	25⅛	25⅞
Wrigley (Wm) Jr	42⅞	42
Xerox	72⅞	72⅞

Tokyo shares mixed amid rate cut hopes

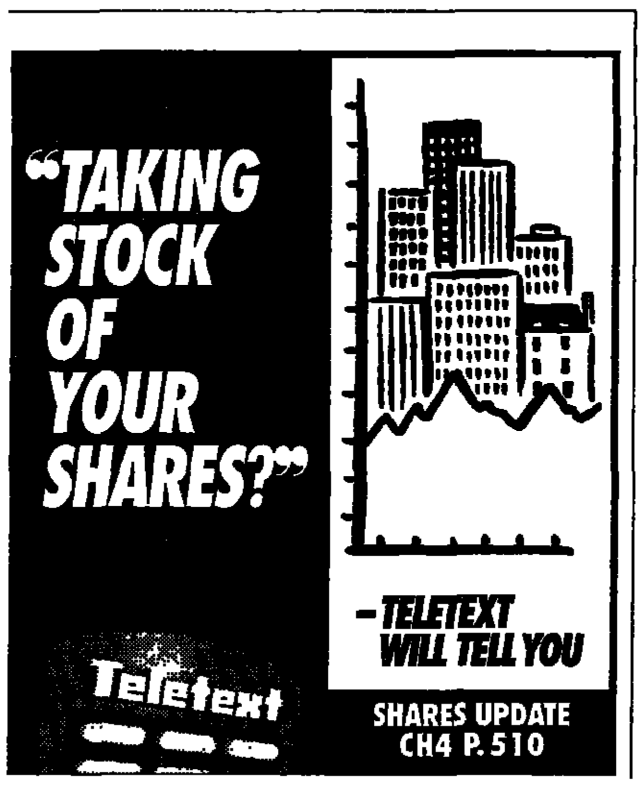
WORLD MARKETS

Tokyo — Shares ended mixed after falling most of the day, with sentiment supported by hopes of a significant cut in the official discount rate, brokers said. The Nikkei average fell 7.60 points to 20,817.98.

☐ **Hong Kong** — The market closed marginally higher as late demand from overseas helped erase early losses, brokers said. The Hang Seng index edged up 6.69 points to close at 7,593.45.

☐ **Sydney** — Shares closed firmer in moderate trade, led higher by a recovery in gold stocks and strength in some blue chips. The all-ordinaries index rose 10.1 points to close at 1,941.5. The News Corporation soared 32 cents to A$10.72, as investors re-rated the stock after news this week that its BSkyB satellite television arm in the UK would begin payouts to shareholders next year.

☐ **Frankfurt** — Shares are expected to extend their losses next week, hit by a weakening dollar and unsettled by the approach of a triple witching, dealers said. The Dax index closed 19.37 points lower at 1,861.44. *Reuter*



RECENT ISSUES

Anglian Water Wrts	106½	+6
Bakyrchik (120)	130	+1
BT (Partly/Paid) (150)	176½	+2½
Crockfords (90)	95	...
Explaura A	4	...
Finsbury Smaller Co C	155	...
For & Col Special Inc	69½	+1
For & Col Spl Capital	44	...
For & Col Spl Units	112½	+½
Lazard HI Inc Tst (100)	109	+1
Raglan Warrants	33	...
RIGHTS ISSUES		
Albrighton n/p (17)	1	-¼
Arlen n/p (21)	15	-1
CRH n/p (1r260)	27	...
Crockfords n/p (90)	2	-½
Lilleshall n/p (125)	21	+1
Rolls Royce n/p (130)	16½	...
Usborne n/p (19)	¼	...
Wickes n/p (88)	7	-3

MAJOR CHANGES

RISES:	
CRH	291p (+10p)
Heywood Williams	325p (+11p)
J Laing	315p (+12p)
Meyer Int	414p (+20p)
Travis Perkins	245p (+13p)
Manpower	1017p (+18p)
Rolfe & Nolan	235p (+12p)
Enviromed	126p (+11p)
Glaxo	640p (+12p)
Hall Eng	289p (+15p)
Thomson Corp	725p (+10p)
Mitel	395p (+38p)
Tiphook	268p (+24p)
Union Park	270p (+25p)
FALLS:	
Assoc Brit Ports	429p (-9p)
MEPC	494p (-9p)
Manders	335p (-8p)
Eng China Clay	434p (-12p)
Enterprise	465p (-9p)
D Smith	364p (-19p)

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UNIT-LINKED INSURANCE INVESTMENTS

	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
AEGON LIFE ASSURANCE Aegon House, Lanark Square, London E14 9XS 071 538 8800				
Series Mnged Fd	419.20	443.70	-2.00	
Series Equity	534.20	565.30	-1.10	
Series Prop Fd	410.90	434.90	+0.70	...
Series Fixed Int	323.50	342.40	-0.20	...
Series Money Fd	241.70	255.80	-0.10	
Series Overs Fd	321.60	340.40	-8.50	...
AETNA LIFE INSURANCE 2-12 Pentonville Road, London N1 9XD 0800 010575				
Life Funds				
Squirrel	17.34	18.26	+0.01	..
Bear	19.12	20.13	-0.03	..
Owl	19.11	20.12	-0.06	...
Bull	17.04	17.94	-0.29	...
Stag	18.24	19.20	-0.27	..
Gilt Edged	18.82	18.82	-0.05	..
Deposit	15.28	15.28	+0.01	..
Pensions				
Squirrel	23.13	24.35	-0.02	..
Bear	25.62	26.97	-0.05	
Owl	25.55	26.90	-0.11	
Bull	21.55	22.69	-0.42	..
Stag	22.47	23.66	-0.37	.
Gilt Edged	23.14	23.14	-0.08	.
Deposit	19.39	19.39	+0.02	.
Pre 1992 Series				
3-Way Fund	563.46	563.47	-3.67	..
1992 Series				
UK Equity	338.11	355.91	-2.30	.
N Amer Equity	271.15	295.43	-4.00	
Far East Equity	381.93	402.04	-12.74	.
Fixed	294.80	310.32	-0.95	
Cash Deposit	196.72	207.08	+0.15	
Property	135.00	142.11	+2.28	..
Special Opp	363.39	382.52	+1.93	..
Managed	294.11	309.59	-2.72	
Index-Linked Fd	191.56	201.65	-1.13	
ABBEY LIFE Holdenhurst Road, Bournemouth BH8 8AL 0202 292373				
Property Fd Inc	258.80	272.50	-0.10	..
-do- Acc	455.40	479.40		
Equity Fd Inc	163.40	172.10	-1.20	..
-do- Acc	212.10	223.30	-1.80	.
Selective Fd	464.60	489.10	-1.30	.
Money Fd	361.10	380.20	-0.30	
Prop Fd Ser 4	354.80	373.50	-0.10	
Equity Ser 4	205.40	216.30	-1.20	
Man Ser 4	629.10	662.30	-7.80	
Conv Ser 4	316.30	333.00	-0.30	.
Money Ser 4	315.40	332.60	-0.20	
Fixed Int Ser 4	344.50	362.70	-2.30	
American Ser 4	474.20	499.20	-17.40	.
High Inc Ser 4	633.40	666.80	-3.60	
Indexed Inv Ser 4	210.70	221.80	-2.30	..
Japan Ser 4	366.80	386.20	-17.90	
ALBANY LIFE 3 Darkes Lane, Potters Bar EN6 1AJ 0707 42311				
Equity Fd Acc	1495.8	1574.0	-5.10	..
European Fd Acc	326.20	343.30	-7.10	...
Fixed Int Acc	527.90	555.60	+2.30	...
Gtd Money Acc	321.00	337.90	-0.20	..
Intl Managed Acc	552.60	581.60	-12.50	...
Int Fxd Int Acc	319.30	336.10	-5.20	...
Japan Fund	294.20	309.60	-11.40	
N American Acc	301.30	317.10	-11.00	...
Prop Fd Acc	373.50	393.10	+0.40	...
Multiple Inv Acc	982.30	1033.9	-9.70	
ALLIED DUNBAR ASSURANCE Swindon SN1 1EL 0793 514514				
Fxd Int Dep Acc	357.60	376.50	+0.30	
Equity Acc	1324.2	1393.9	+5.20	...
Property Acc	485.80	511.40	+3.20	.
Far East Acc	280.40	295.20	-1.70	.
Managed Capital	515.50	542.70	-2.40	...
-do- Acc	1023.5	1077.4	-4.90	...
Overseas Acc	892.90	939.90	-5.10	...
Gilt Edged Acc	468.50	493.20	+2.90	...
Amer Equity Acc	705.00	742.20	-14.30	...
Amer Man Acc	302.00	317.90	-6.10	...
Amer Prop Acc	113.10	119.10	-3.20	...
AXA EQUITY & LAW LIFE ASSURANCE Amersham Road, High Wycombe, Bucks 0494 463463				
Reserve Ser 5	142.60	150.10	-0.60	...
Balced Ser 5	650.80	685.00	-9.90	...
Opportunity Ser 5	145.90	153.50	-3.60	...
Distribution Ser 5	101.10	106.40	-0.50	...
UK Equities Ser 5	899.60	946.90	-7.70	...
Higher Inc Ser 5	972.20	1023.2	-0.20	..
North Amer Ser 5	409.40	430.90	-17.30	..
Far East Ser 5	517.30	544.50	-24.90	...
Europe Ser 5	327.80	345.00	-9.90	...
Intnl Ser 5	515.60	542.70	-16.00	...
Property Ser 5	459.90	484.10	+0.50	...
Fixed Int Ser 5	411.30	432.90	+3.10	...
Ind-Lnkd Sec S5	180.80	190.30	+1.30	..
Gteed Dep Ser 5	285.00	300.00	+0.30	..
BARCLAYS LIFE 252 Romford Road, London E7 9JB 081 534 5544				
Equity Acc	788.30	829.70	-3.70	..
-do- Initial	544.00	572.70	-2.50	
Gilt Edged Acc	386.20	406.60	-1.50	...
-do- Initial	268.90	283.10	+1.00	.
International Acc	368.60	388.00	-11.20	
-do- Initial	254.90	268.40	-7.80	..
Managed Acc	488.00	513.70	-4.90	
-do- Initial	338.40	356.30	-3.40	.
Money Acc	279.80	294.60	+0.20	..
Property Acc	248.10	261.20	+0.20	.
-do- Initial	170.70	179.70	...	...
America Acc	266.10	280.20	-11.60	...
Australia Acc	176.80	186.20	-13.80	...
Financial Acc	302.60	318.60	+3.60	...
500 Accum	417.70	439.70	+1.20	...
Japan Genl Acc	365.00	384.30	-17.70	...
Income Acc	494.20	520.30	-2.00	..
Leisure Acc	208.30	219.30	+1.20	...
Special Sits Acc	216.90	228.40	-1.20	...
Univ Tech Acc	141.40	148.90	-4.80	...
BLACK HORSE LIFE Mountbatten House, Chatham, Kent ME4 4JF 0634 834000				
The Managed Fd	751.08	751.08	-8.17	...
Income Fund	725.49	763.68	-2.52	...
Extra Income	665.49	700.52	-3.10	...
Worldwide Gth	460.99	485.26	-10.76	...
Balanced Fund	623.56	656.38	-4.33	...
Smllr Cos Recov	639.22	672.87	+6.27	...
N Amer & Genrl	357.38	376.19	-13.03	...
Pacific Basin	374.36	394.07	-4.38	...
German Growth	214.38	225.67	-3.75	...
Japan Growth	183.72	193.39	-3.77	...
The UK Gth Fd	196.91	207.28	-0.90	.
Contl Euro Gth	114.14	120.15	-3.00	
Property Fund	351.11	369.59	-0.46	
Fixed Interest	314.58	331.14	+1.23	..
Cash Fund	272.63	286.98	+0.18	..
Managed Inv	457.55	481.64	-5.41	..
Nth Amer Recov	235.33	247.72	-12.25	...
Abtrust Fund				
Managed Gth	433.40	456.22	-9.65	...
BRITANNIA LIFE ASSURANCE PO Box 37, Greenock, Renfrewshire 0475 868000				
Measured Perf	150.10	158.80	-2.50	...
Performance Plus	145.10	153.50	-2.40	...
With Profit Perf	163.60	173.10	+0.10	.
UK Opportunity	169.30	179.10	-0.70	...
Euro Opportunity	193.10	204.30	-4.20	
North Amer Opp	143.30	151.60	-3.90	
Far East Opp	168.10	177.80	-4.80	
Gwth Prop Ser 1	143.20	150.50	+0.80	..
Gth Prop Ser 2	158.40	167.60	+1.90	
Fixed Int	192.40	193.00	-1.20	..
Cash	150.40	159.10	+0.10	..
Overseas	167.30	177.00	-3.30	..
CANADA LIFE 2-6 High Street, Potters Bar, Herts EN6 5BA 0707 51122				
Equity Growth	£238.60	..	..	
Managed	310.10	326.50	-2.80	...
Property	199.70	210.20	+0.10	..
Gilt & Fxd Int	242.40	255.20	-1.30	.
Index-Linked	183.60	193.30	+0.10	..
Equity	343.00	361.10	-2.10	.
Cash	210.10	221.20	+0.10	.
CLife Euro Mgd	330.80	348.20	-5.00	.
CLife Intl Fd	345.60	363.90	-10.10	.
CANNON ASSURANCE 1 Olympic Way, Wembley, Middx HA9 0NB 081 902 8876				
Equity Units	£118.33	.	-1.47	..
Property Units	£25.99	.	-0.01	..
Bal Bd Exec Unit	£62.24	£65.86	-1.28	..
2nd Equity Acc	599.00	633.90	-6.90	..
2nd High Inc Ac	579.90	613.70	-0.70	..
2nd Property Acc	238.00	251.90	-0.10	
2nd Mngd 2 Acc	179.20	189.60	-1.40	
2nd Mngd 3 Acc	443.60	469.40	-8.70	
2nd Mngd 4 Acc	214.00	226.50	-5.90	
2nd Deposit Acc	270.60	286.30		
2nd Gilt Acc	305.00	322.80	+2.40	..
2nd Amer Acc	627.80	664.30	-32.30	..
2nd Intl Mny Acc	251.90	266.60	-3.90	..
2nd Index Acc	200.90	212.60	+3.50	..
2nd Far East Acc	408.50	432.30	-16.90	
2nd Global Acc	166.00	175.70	-5.10	
2nd Euro Acc	144.80	153.30	-5.30	..
2nd Japan Acc	208.90	221.00	-11.10	..
2nd Heritage Acc	68.60	72.60	+0.10	
2nd Int Cr Bd Ac	157.70	166.90	-3.00	
2nd Cap Gth Acc	120.70	127.70	-1.60	..
CITY OF WESTMINSTER ASSURANCE Sentry House, 500 Avebury Blvd, Milton Keynes MK9 2NU. 0908 606101				
Property Fund	177.20	186.60	..	
Managed Fund	576.10	606.60	-5.60	...
Equity Fund	325.10	342.30	-4.90	
CLERICAL MEDICAL/FIDELITY INVESTMENTS Narrow Plain, Bristol BS2 0JH. 0272 290566				
Assurance Funds				
Sapphire Mixed	269.10	283.30	-3.90	
Ruby	154.90	163.10	-3.90	..
Emerald	142.30	149.80	-0.90	.
Equity	306.40	323.10	-0.10	.
Property	190.60	200.70	+0.50	
Gilt & Fixed Int	208.60	219.60	-0.30	.
Indexed Secs	166.90	175.60	-1.70	...
Cash	179.80	189.30	+0.10	
Nth American	203.10	213.80	-6.00	..
Far East	268.30	282.40	-10.90	..
International	217.10	228.60	-6.30	
Special Sits	303.10	319.10	-0.70	..
Intl Income	276.30	290.90	-1.90	.
American Inc	177.90	187.30	-3.40	.
European	273.70	288.20	-5.20	.
Japanese	152.40	160.50	-6.30	..
SE Asia	293.00	308.50	-7.30	..
With Profits Reg	150.90	158.90	+0.20	..
-do- Spec	150.30	158.50	+0.20	...
Flexible Retirement Plans Funds				
Mixed	297.80	313.50	-4.10	.
Equity	349.30	366.70	-3.60	
Property	174.90	184.20	-0.40	.
Gilt & Fixed Int	257.40	271.00	-2.60	..
Index Linked	176.40	185.70	+2.00	..
Cash	236.40	248.90	+0.30	..
Nth American	254.70	268.20	-9.60	
Far East Acc	317.10	333.80	-12.50	.
International Acc	275.00	289.50	-8.80	
Special Sits	445.60	469.10	-7.00	.
European Flex	378.80	398.80	-6.70	.
COLONIAL MUTUAL GROUP Colonial Mutual House, Chatham Maritime, Kent ME4 4YY. 0634 890 000				
(Units)-Key	£220.07	...	+4.56	...
-do- Pacemaker	£304.55	...	+5.91	...
-do- Cash	197.03	207.40	+0.12	
-do- Equity	511.92	538.86	-6.52	
-do- Fxd Int	366.20	385.47	+0.45	
-do- Managed	370.98	390.29	-3.60	...
-do- Property	313.01	329.48	+0.89	..
(Pens) Cash Cap	206.17	217.03	+0.06	...
-do- Cash Inv	289.02	304.24	-0.29	...
-do- Equity Cap	1377.3	1449.8	-24.96	...
-do- Equity Inv	1930.8	2032.4	-33.59	.
-do- Fixed Cap	403.56	424.81	+0.42	..
-do- Fixed Inv	565.73	595.51	+0.98	..
-do- Index Cap	210.10	221.16	+1.35	...
-do- Index Inv	294.53	310.04	+2.11	..
Mngd Cap	552.27	581.35	-7.82	...
Mngd Inv	774.21	814.96	-10.41	..
COMMERCIAL UNION St Helen's, 1 Undershaft, EC3. 071 283 7500				
Var Ann Acc (5)	1655.75	...	-9.92	...
Var Ann (5)	388.92	...	-0.46	...
Prime Managed	378.00	397.90	-4.40	...
Prime UK Equity	454.30	478.30	-1.70	...
Prime Int Equity	284.00	299.00	-10.00	...
Prime Property	198.70	209.20	+0.50	...
Prime Fxd Int	244.80	257.70	+0.70	...
Prime Index-Lnk	174.70	183.90	+2.40	...
Prime Cash	197.40	207.80	..	..
CONFEDERATION LIFE Lytton Way, Stevenage, Herts SG1 2NN 0438 744840				
Managed Fund	1089.0	1146.3	-13.10	..
Equity Fund	1556.8	1638.7	-13.90	...
CROWN FINANCIAL Crown House, Woking GU21 1XW 0483 715033				
Life Mangd Acc	561.60	591.10	-6.80	...
Life Fxd Int Acc	368.20	387.50	+1.20	..
Life Equity Acc	771.50	812.10	-6.60	...
Life Money Acc	291.30	306.60	+0.10	...
Life Inv Tst Acc	748.40	787.70	-0.70	..
Life Intl Acc	476.70	501.70	-14.90	..
Life High Inc Acc	752.30	791.80	-0.60	..
Life Property Acc	220.30	231.90	-0.20	..
Crown Brit Inv A	1238.3	.		..
Brewin Equity	657.90	692.50	-8.60	..
Life Equity Acc	234.00	246.30		
EAGLE STAR LIFE ASSURANCE Bath Road, Cheltenham, Gloucester GL53 7LQ. 0242 221311				
Secure Fund	168.50	177.40	+0.10	.
Blue Chip Fund	230.50	242.70	-3.60	..
-do- Series 2	148.30	156.20	-2.30	...
Adventurous Fd	192.40	202.60	-9.30	...
-do- Series 2	144.90	152.50	-6.30	
Performance Fd	234.00	246.40	-9.20	..
-do- Series 2	151.90	159.90	-5.20	...
UK Pref Fxd Int	144.50	152.20	+0.40	..
UK Equity Fund	149.40	157.30	-3.90	..
Property Fund	164.30	[illegible]	+0.40	..
Environmntl Opps	146.90	154.60	-1.10	...
Euro Fund	156.60	165.10	-4.90	..
North Amer Fd	179.00	188.50	-6.00	..
Oriental Ops	175.10	184.40	-2.50	..
Japanese Fund	127.30	134.10	-5.10	..
Bd & West Life	116.70	122.90	+0.10	...
Bd & West Pen	127.90	134.70	-0.20	..
EAGLE STAR/MIDLAND 60 St Mary Axe, London EC3. 071 929 1111				
Eagle/Mid Uts	254.00	257.30	-4.20	3.48
FRIENDS' PROVIDENT Castle Street, Salisbury, Wilts SP1 3SH 0722 413366				
Managed (Mixd)	286.50	301.60	-2.90	.
UK Equity	383.40	403.60	-3.00	..
Stewardship	330.30	347.70	-0.30	...
Overseas Equity	254.10	267.50	-7.00	
North American	136.30	143.50	-5.70	..
Pacific Basin	142.60	150.20	-5.70	..
European	183.90	193.60	-4.00	..
Property	187.20	197.10	+0.10	..
Fixed Interest	231.40	243.60	+2.00	.
Index Linked	165.90	174.60	+2.10	..
Cash	192.50	202.60	+0.10	..
GT UNIT MANAGERS LTD Alban Gate, 14th Flr, 125 London Wall, Lond EC2Y 5AS 071 710 4567				
GT Plan Far East	326.00	343.20	-9.20	...
GT Plan Wwide	481.30	506.70	-10.70	..
GENERAL ACCIDENT 2 Rougier Street, York YO1 1HR. 0904 628982				
Managed	191.70	201.70	-2.30	..
Unitised Profit	124.40	130.80	-0.20	.
UK Equity	259.60	273.10	-3.60	..
Fixed Int	197.00	207.30	+1.30	.
Index-Linked	167.00	175.70	+2.40	.
Cash Deposit	158.30	177.10	+0.10	..
Property	166.60	175.30	-0.20	..
International	171.90	180.80	-3.30	..
American	147.90	155.60	-3.50	
Japan	250.30	263.40	-7.80	.
Japan Smllr Cos	256.70	270.10	-8.10	..
European	166.40	174.50	-3.40	.
Pacific Fund	229.00	240.90	-3.00	..
Conv Life	136.20	143.20	-0.50	
GENERAL PORTFOLIO LIFE Gen Portfolio House, Harlow, Essex CM20 2EW. 0279 626262				
Portfolio Acc	675.40	675.50	-9.80	.
-do- Inv A	675.40	711.00	-9.10	...
UK Equity	389.40	410.00	-2.30	..
Gilt Plus	210.70	221.90	+3.80	..
Managed	295.60	311.20	-4.00	...
Inter Man	265.10	277.50	-5.40	...
GRESHAM UNIT 2-4 Prince of Wales Road, Bournemouth 0202 752000				
Managed Bond	673.90	710.10	-3.70	
Money Fund	305.20	321.10	+0.30	..
Equity Fund	581.50	612.80	-5.90	..
Fixed Interest	277.30	292.80		
Property Fund	337.40	355.50	...	...
Gresham Fntnllngton				
American & Gnrl	527.70	556.10	-24.80	..
Income	714.40	752.80	-3.20	..
International Gth	575.30	614.90	-9.50	..
Capital Fund	593.80	625.70	-0.70	..
Recovery Fund	583.40	614.80	-14.10	..
Japan & General	284.10	299.20	-8.00	..
GUARDIAN ROYAL EXCHANGE Royal Exchange London EC3. 071 283 7101				
Ass Prop Bds	656.50	683.90	..	
Managed Initial	447.10	470.60	-4.80	...
-do- Acc	620.10	652.70	-6.30	.
Equity Initial	651.40	685.60	-5.30	...
-do- Acc	903.40	950.90	-6.90	...
Fixed Int Initial	443.90	467.20	+4.00	...
-do- Acc	615.60	648.00	+5.80	...
Ind Initial	436.20	459.10	-13.40	...
-do- Acc	604.90	636.70	-18.40	...
Nth Amer Initial	175.20	184.40	-5.40	...
-do- Acc	221.10	232.70	-6.70	...
Pacific Initial	232.60	244.90	-6.30	...
-do- Acc	290.90	306.20	-7.80	...
Property Initial	151.80	159.80	...	...
-do- Acc	210.40	221.50	...	...
Index-Lnkd Initl	164.60	173.20	+1.90	...
-do- Acc	207.70	218.60	+2.50	...
Deposit Initial	194.20	204.40	...	...
-do- Acc	269.30	283.50	+0.20	...
Euro Initial	91.50	96.30	-1.30	...
-do- Acc	106.70	112.30	-1.50	...
HAMBRO GUARDIAN ASSURANCE Kingsgate, 1 King Edward Road, Brentwood, Essex CM14 4HG. 0277 200939				
Managed	154.50	162.60	-1.90	...
-do- Pens	186.50	196.30	-2.10	...
UK Equity	153.40	161.40	-0.90	...
-do- Pens	171.80	180.80	-1.20	...
International	136.80	144.00	-4.20	...
-do- Pens	149.20	157.00	-5.40	...
Deposit	135.10	142.30	+0.10	...
-do- Pens	157.70	165.90	+0.20	...
HENDERSON ADMINISTRATION 3 Finsbury Avenue, London EC2M 2PA 071 638 5757				
UK Equity Fd	365.80	389.20	-4.00	...
North America	321.50	342.10	-8.40	...
Far East Fund	560.90	596.80	-13.90	...
Global Managed	439.50	467.90	-7.50	...
Deposit Fund	221.10	232.80	-0.30	...
Prime Residential	124.70	131.30	...	...
European Fund	236.70	251.90	-5.30	...
Fixed Interest	72.10	76.80	+1.30	...
HILL SAMUEL LIFE NLA Tower, Addiscombe Road, Croydon 081 686 4355				
Security Fund	482.40	511.60	-1.70	.
British Fund	485.00	513.30	-1.40	...
International	477.30	505.10	-14.20	...
Dollar Fund	345.10	365.20	-11.30	...
Capital Fund	436.10	461.50	-6.30	...
Income Fund	665.10	703.90	-4.30	...
Property Series A	390.20	413.00	-0.50	...
Property Units	633.00	664.70	-0.70	...
Financial Fund	534.70	565.90	-1.70	...
Managed Ser A	508.50	538.10	-5.50	...
-do- C	275.90	292.00	...	...
Managed Units	909.30	957.20	-9.50	...
High Yield Fund	644.10	681.60	-4.80	...
Money Series A	276.70	292.90	+0.20	...
Money Units	365.00	384.30	+0.30	...
Equity Fund	574.40	607.90	-8.40	...
Fixed Interest	380.20	402.40	+1.50	...
Indexed Secs	184.60	195.40	-2.30	...
European Fund	668.20	707.10	-23.70	...
Natural Res	251.70	266.40	-12.40	...
Far East Fund	589.80	624.20	-18.70	...
Smaller Cos	457.00	483.60	+1.80	...
Special Sits	430.50	455.60	-2.50	...
Man Currency	251.70	266.40	-1.10	...
Japanese Tech	260.80	276.00	-11.00	...
US Smaller Cos	217.60	230.30	-11.70	...
IRISH LIFE ASSURANCE Irish Life Centre, Victoria Street, St Albans, Herts AL1 5TF. 0727 48181				
Global Managed	517.40	544.60	-8.20	...
Global Property	259.30	272.90	...	...
Global Fixed Int	513.60	540.60	+2.60	...
Global Equity	547.70	576.50	-9.20	...
Global Cash	205.20	216.90	+1.10	...
LAURENTIAN LIFE Barnwood, Gloucester GL4 7RZ 0452 371371				
Gilt Mgd	484.90	510.40	+2.50	...
Property	429.20	451.70	+0.10	...
Managed	394.70	415.40	-6.30	...
American	377.60	397.40	-19.10	.
UK Equity Fd	426.50	448.90	-4.40	...
Japan	219.10	230.60	-9.50	...
Index-Lkd	183.80	193.40	+0.90	...
High Yield	815.10	858.00	-5.10	...
Growth Cap	439.60	462.70	+2.50	...
Money	387.40	407.70	+0.40	...
International	365.70	384.90	-15.20	...
Henderson Active	207.50	218.40	-2.80	...
Perpetual Active	303.90	319.80	-7.30	...
Growth Cap	439.60	462.70	+2.50	...
-do- Acc	616.60	649.00	-9.20	...
LEGAL & GENERAL UNIT ASSURANCE 2 Montefiore Road, Hove, Sussex BN3 1SE 0273 824000				
B Soc Lnkd Init	135.00	142.20	...	...
-do- Acc	179.10	188.60	+0.10	...
Brit Opps Int	136.00	143.20	...	...
-do- Acc	162.60	171.20	...	...
Cash Initial	166.80	175.60	+0.10	...
-do- Acc	276.60	291.20	+0.20	...
Equity Initial	623.30	656.20	-4.80	...
-do- Acc	1033.3	1087.7	-8.10	...
Fixed Initial	362.00	381.10	+1.60	...
-do- Acc	600.10	631.70	+2.60	...
Index-Lnkd Gilt	139.40	146.80	+1.70	...
-do- Acc	197.30	207.70	-2.50	...
Ind Initial	327.80	345.10	-17.10	...
-do- Acc	535.00	563.20	-18.10	...
Managed Initial	462.20	486.60	-6.50	...
-do- Acc	768.30	806.70	-10.80	...
Property Initial	190.30	200.40	+0.20	...
-do- Acc	315.80	332.20	+0.30	...
LIFE ASSOCIATION OF SCOTLAND 113 Dundas Street, Edinburgh EH3 5EB 031 550 5000				
Managed Fund	337.60	355.40	-4.30	...
UK Equity	555.80	584.90	-3.60	...
Property	278.90	293.60	...	...
Money Market	243.20	256.00	+0.20	...
Fixed Interest	323.90	341.00	+1.90	...
Japan	407.20	428.70	-19.30	...
North America	150.90	158.90	-6.80	...
International	281.40	296.30	-10.10	...
European	253.00	266.40	-5.30	...
Far East	127.90	134.70	-5.50	...
LONDON LIFE 100 Temple Street, Bristol BS1 6EA 0272 279179				
Equity	£862.60	...	+4.60	...
Fixed Interest	£411.30	...	+3.60	...
Property	£346.80	...	+0.40	...
Deposit	£280.20	...	+0.20	...
Mixed	£560.90	...	-4.60	...
Indexed Stock	£212.70	...	+2.10	...
International	£271.40	...	-6.30	...
Equity A	£200.50	...	-1.10	...
Fixed Int A	£182.50	...	+1.20	...
Property A	£152.80	...	+0.20	...
Deposit A	£165.00	...	+0.10	...
Mixed A	£184.70	...	-1.50	...
Index Stock A	£166.90	...	+1.70	...
International A	£169.90	...	-3.90	...
Equity P	£206.50	...	-4.60	...
Fixed Int P	£332.60	...	+5.40	...
Property P	£277.00	...	+0.40	...
Deposit P	£325.80	...	+0.30	...
Mixed P	£511.70	...	-5.20	...
Index Stock P	£242.10	...	+2.00	...
International P	£310.80	...	-8.80	...
LONDON & MANCHESTER ASSURANCE Winslade Park, Exeter EX5 1DS. 0392 282456				
Inv Trust Cap	£590.40	...	-2.50	...
-do- Acc	£934.90	...	-3.10	...
Property Cap	£151.90	...	+0.10	...
-do- Acc	£232.60	...	+0.20	...
Fxd Interest Cap	£210.90	...	+1.20	...
-do- Acc	£324.10	...	+2.10	...
Equity Cap	£315.30	...	-1.80	...
-do- Acc	£490.00	...	-2.30	...
Internatl Cap	£233.50	...	-5.90	...
-do- Acc	£359.60	...	-8.70	...
Gtd Deposit Cap	£169.30	...	...	...
-do- Acc	£257.40	...	+0.20	...
Flexible Cap	£345.10	...	-2.90	...
-do- Acc	£535.10	...	-4.00	...
Moneymaker Fd	£422.10	...	-2.10	...
Capital Growth	£1564.8	...	-11.80	...
M & G Victoria Road, Chelmsford, Essex CM1 1FB 0245 266266				
Amer Bond Acc	378.00	397.90	-16.40	...
Amer Rec Bond	438.30	460.50	-21.50	...
Am Smlr Cos Bd	216.80	227.70	-11.70	...
Australasia Bd	194.90	204.70	-6.90	...
Commodity Bond	245.60	257.90	-15.20	...
Deposit Bond Acc	348.30	365.90	+0.30	...
Equity Bond Acc	1380.8	1449.9	-5.00	...
European Bd Acc	331.60	348.30	-7.50	...
Extra Yld Bd Acc	682.50	716.70	+8.00	...
Far East Bd Acc	283.20	297.40	-4.80	...
Gilt Bond Acc	454.20	477.00	+4.10	...
Gold Bond Acc	120.40	126.60	-16.40	...
High Yield Bond	335.50	352.30	-5.70	...
Index-Lnk Gt Bd	213.90	224.70	+3.00	...
International Bd	695.60	730.50	-22.50	...
Japan Bond Acc	284.90	299.30	-10.40	...
Japan Sm Cos Ac	261.60	274.80	-7.20	...
Managed Bonds	831.70	873.40	-4.90	...
Prop Bond Acc	303.60	318.80	+0.70	...
Rec Bond Acc	702.20	742.60	-0.60	...
MGM ASSURANCE MGM House, Heene Road, Worthing BN11 2DY. 0903 204631				
UK Equity	219.20	230.80	-1.70	...
UK Equity Acc	296.10	311.70	-2.10	...
Special Sits	91.10	95.90	+0.20	...
Special Sits Acc	123.20	129.70	+0.40	...
North American	174.40	183.60	-7.20	...
N American Acc	235.70	248.20	-9.40	...
Pacific Basin	352.80	371.40	-12.00	...
Pacific Basin Acc	476.30	501.30	-15.80	...
Fixed Interest	301.90	317.80	+1.40	...
Fixed Interest Acc	408.40	429.80	+2.30	...
Property	153.40	161.50	+0.10	...
Property Acc	207.50	218.50	+0.20	...
Deposit	151.90	159.90	...	...
Deposit Acc	205.60	216.80	+0.20	...
Managed	251.30	264.60	-3.60	...
Managed Acc	312.90	329.40	-4.30	...
MANULIFE GROUP St Georges Way, Stevenage, Herts 0438 356101				
Managed Fund	668.40	703.60	-8.60	..
Property Fund	479.70	504.90	+0.50	..
Equity Fund	833.10	876.90	-7.90	..
Gilt Edged Fd	619.10	651.70	+3.80	..
Deposit Fund	317.80	334.50	+0.30	..
Investment Fd	352.60	370.20	-3.50	..
International	533.90	562.00	-22.30	..
MERCHANT INVESTORS 91 Wimpole Street, London W1M 7DA Admin: 0272 266366 Prices: 081 789 2945 or 0272 752297				
Property	401.40	422.50	+0.60	...
Equity Bond	324.40	341.40	-2.60	...
Money Mkt Bd	576.50	606.80	+5.90	...
Deposit Fund	365.20	384.40	+0.30	...
Managed Fund	459.90	484.10	-2.30	...
Intl Equity	542.60	571.10	-13.70	...
Intl Managed	511.30	538.20	-7.40	...
North American	200.10	210.60	-7.20	...
Far East	411.40	433.00	-7.40	...
Intl Currency	263.80	277.60	+0.30	...
NM LIFE ASSURANCE Enterprise House, Portsmouth 0705 827733				
Equity	138.60	145.80	-1.20	...
Fixed Interest	538.90	567.20	+2.80	...
Managed	659.00	693.00	-5.00	...
Deposit	326.70	343.80	+0.20	...
Property	379.80	399.70	+0.50	...
American	393.00	413.60	-12.00	...
Australian	451.90	475.60	-19.40	...
European	479.70	504.90	-11.90	...
Gilt & Fixed Int	260.90	274.60	+0.50	...
Global Managed	133.60	140.60	-1.10	...
Income Acc	738.80	777.60	-3.30	...
-do- Dist	469.70	494.40	-2.80	4.80
International	305.00	321.00	-5.00	...
Japan Smaller	524.90	552.10	-9.20	...
Singapore & Mal	320.30	337.10	-16.00	...
Smaller Cos	370.80	390.30	-11.20	...
Tokyo Fund	694.20	730.70	-12.40	...
UK Equity	572.20	602.30	+5.30	...
CCM Vangd Mg	694.80	731.30	-6.40	...
Equity Pers Cap	938.20	987.50	-12.20	...
NPI 48 Gracechurch Street, London EC3P 3HH 071 623 4200				
Managed	446.50	470.00	-6.70	...
UK Equity	559.30	588.80	-5.80	...
Overseas Equity	436.70	459.70	-14.40	...
Americas	384.70	405.00	-19.00	...
Far East	491.50	517.40	-17.60	...
Property	198.50	209.00	+0.40	...
Fixed Interest	359.00	377.90	+0.70	...
Indexed Gilt	229.60	241.70	+1.40	...
Deposit	207.90	218.80	+0.20	...
NORWICH UNION LIFE INSURANCE SOCIETY - Ex NUAM Funds PO Box 148, Norwich NR3 1PP 0603 622200				
Managed Fund	1292.9	1360.9	-17.40	...
Eqty Fund	2822.5	2971.1	-27.10	...
Property Fd	455.90	479.90	+2.50	...
Fixed Int Fd	592.10	623.30	+0.60	...
Deposit Fund	333.00	350.50	+0.20	...
Intl Fund	218.50	230.00	-6.10	...
PEARL ASSURANCE Pearl House, Thorpe Wood, Peterborough PE3 6SA. 0733 63282				
Inv Prop Dist	148.40	156.30	+0.20	...
Prop Acc (Gross)	282.50	297.40	+0.30	...
Inv Equity	1136.9	1196.8	-11.20	...
Inv Managed	792.20	833.90	-6.20	...
Ret Managed	879.90	926.30	-10.90	...
PROLIFIC LIFE & PENSIONS LTD Stramongate, Kendal, Cumbria LA9 4UB 0539 733733				
Bal Gwth Mngd	747.90	795.70	-9.30	...
Cash Fund	325.60	343.20	+0.30	...
Property Fund	225.70	240.20	...	...
Equity Fund	857.70	912.50	-19.90	...
Fxd Interest Fund	457.60	482.20	-2.60	...
International	382.30	406.80	-10.20	...
High Income	678.40	721.80	-8.10	...
Far East	517.00	550.00	-17.50	...
North American	508.00	540.50	-17.70	...
Special Sits	613.10	652.30	-1.00	...
Technology	482.80	513.70	-15.00	...
Extra Income Fd	361.10	384.20	-4.30	...
Gilt Fund	470.10	500.20	+1.10	...
European	141.90	151.00	-2.60	...
Adventurous Mg	196.60	209.10	-4.90	...
Secure Mgd	139.60	148.60	-1.10	...
Equity Inc Dist	117.90	125.50	-1.50	4.69
North American	110.60	117.70	-1.40	5.12
PROVIDENCE CAPITOL 2 Bartley Way, Hook, Hants RG27 9XA 0256 768888				
Equity Fund Acc	279.10	294.50	-2.10	...
Fxd Interest Acc	238.10	251.20	+2.10	...
International Acc	238.60	252.00	-5.90	...
Managed Acc	209.50	221.00	-1.80	...
Property Acc	221.30	233.50	-0.10	...
Money Acc	148.10	156.30	+0.10	...
Spec Mkt Acc	200.30	211.30	-6.00	...
Japan Equity Acc	130.90	138.10	-4.80	...
N Amer Acc	152.60	161.00	-10.10	...
Pacific Acc	146.30	154.40	-5.20	...
European Acc	149.30	157.50	-2.00	...
PROVIDENT MUTUAL Walsworth Road, Hitchin, Herts SG4 0LP 0438 739000				
Managed Ord	437.70	460.70	-5.40	...
Managed Initial	307.20	323.40	-4.00	...
Equity Ord	656.80	691.40	-7.30	...
Equity Init	461.10	485.40	-5.40	...
I-Linked Gilt Ord	204.60	215.40	+1.70	...
I-Linked Gilt Init	150.00	157.90	+1.30	...
Overs Equity Ord	351.60	370.10	-10.10	...
Overs Equity Init	246.80	259.80	-7.30	...
Property Ord	233.40	245.70	+0.30	...
Property Init	163.80	172.40	...	...
Fixed Int Ord	279.80	294.50	+1.00	...
Fixed Int Init	196.40	206.70	+0.60	...
Deposit Ord	198.30	208.70	+0.10	...
Deposit Initial	139.20	146.50	...	...
PRUDENTIAL Holborn Bars, London EC1N 2NH 071 405 9222				
Managed	317.00	331.20	-4.70	...
PRUDENTIAL INDIVIDUAL LIFE FUNDS 1 Stephen Street, London W1P 2AP 071 548 3228				
Managed Fund	708.90	746.30	-11.60	...
Equity Fund	1386.0	1459.0	-13.10	...
Intl Fund	551.50	580.60	-17.50	...
Fixed Interest	576.10	606.50	+2.40	...
Property Fund	376.50	396.30	...	...
Cash Fund	351.70	370.30	+0.30	...
Pacific Basin	313.60	330.20	-12.80	...
N American Fd	221.00	232.70	-10.40	...
Euro Fund	238.60	251.20	-6.20	...
Balanced Fund	142.70	150.30	-2.30	...
Strategic Fund	147.30	155.10	-3.40	...
ROYAL HERITAGE LIFE ASSURANCE Peterborough Business Park, Peterborough PE2 6GG. 0733 390000				
Mult Grow (5)	£426.30	...	+36.50	...
-do- Acc	460.30	484.60	+22.70	...
Op Prop	421.30	443.00	-0.90	...
Op Equity	893.50	940.80	-9.40	...
Op High Yield	578.70	609.20	-3.80	...
Op Managed	763.30	803.70	-9.40	...
Op Deposit	377.80	397.70	+0.40	...
Amer Smaller	...	...	...	...
Extra Inc	...	...	...	...
Gold Gen	...	...	...	...
Inc Gth	304.30	320.40	-0.70	...
Japan Perf	...	...	...	...
Japan Smlr	260.50	274.00	-8.40	...
Natl High	...	...	...	...
Prop Sits	...	...	...	...
Managed Gth	243.90	256.80	-2.40	...
Gilt	83.60	88.00	+0.20	...
Amer (35.34)	...	...	...	...
British	342.40	360.50	-16.80	...
Global Bond	117.60	123.80	-1.40	...
Global (35.34)	163.20	171.80	-4.20	...
Gold Share	68.00	71.60	-5.80	...
High Income	300.20	316.00	+1.40	...
Income	428.90	451.50	+1.60	...
Japan	422.50	444.80	-20.20	...
UK Smlr Cos	301.50	317.40	+0.40	...
Mngd Growth	427.90	450.50	-5.20	...
ROYAL LIFE INSURANCE New Hall Place, Liverpool L69 3HS 051 239 3000				
Royal Shield Fd	905.60	958.30	-13.00	...
Royal Life Unit Linked				
Managed Fund	361.70	380.70	-5.50	...
Equity Fund	497.60	523.70	-14.30	...
Property Fund	262.90	276.60	+1.70	...
International	438.90	462.00	-10.30	...
Pacific Basin	281.90	296.70	-10.00	...
United States	225.10	236.90	-9.60	...
Gilt Fund	361.50	380.50	+2.60	...
SAVE & PROSPER 16-22 Western Road, Romford, Essex RM1 3LB. 0708 766966				
Bal Inv Fund	697.50	738.10	-4.70	...
Deposit Fund (2)	353.60	374.20	+0.20	...
Gilt Fund	514.30	544.30	+3.20	...
Global Equity Fd	216.00	228.60	-4.40	...
Property Fund (4a)	89.40	94.70	...	...
AG Bond Fund	140.80	149.00	-0.40	...
SCOTTISH AMICABLE 150 St Vincent Street, Glasgow 041 248 2323				
Equity	545.30	574.00	-3.20	...
Fixed Interest	365.60	384.90	+1.10	...
Index-Linked	199.80	210.40	+2.70	...
International	425.30	447.70	-9.20	...
Property	248.40	261.50	+0.40	...
Cash	222.30	234.00	+0.30	...
Managed	431.80	454.60	-3.90	...
Cap Gteed Bd	104.30	109.80	-0.70	...
SCOTTISH EQUITABLE 28 St Andrew Square, Edinburgh EH2 1YF 031 556 9101				
Cash	174.21	183.38	+0.14	...
Index-Linked	162.10	170.60	+2.10	...
Fixed Interest	182.80	192.40	+0.70	...
Mixed	237.50	250.00	-3.80	...
UK Equity	227.90	239.90	-0.10	...
International	237.40	249.90	-6.80	...
American	235.60	248.00	-6.30	...
Japan	248.60	261.70	-7.70	...
European	224.40	236.20	-4.30	...
Pacific	332.60	350.10	-10.40	...
Technology	310.80	327.10	-7.90	...
Currncy/Currncy	224.80	236.60	-3.70	...
SCOTTISH LIFE INVESTMENTS 19 St Andrews Square, Edinburgh EH2 1YE 031 225 2211				
Property	182.20	191.80	+0.10	...
UK Equity	335.80	353.50	-2.70	...
American	237.90	250.30	-4.40	...
Pacific	326.70	344.00	-7.70	...
European	433.10	456.00	-7.30	...
International	289.60	304.90	-5.20	...
Fixed Interest	246.10	259.10	+2.70	...
Index Linked	199.70	210.30	+2.90	...
Deposit	186.50	196.40	+0.10	...
Managed	268.90	283.20	-2.60	...
Worldwide	117.40	123.70	-3.00	...
Pen Worldwide	123.70	130.40	-3.60	...
SCOTTISH MUTUAL ASSURANCE 109 St Vincent Street, Glasgow G2 5HN 041 248 6321				
Flex Fund (35)	1552.9	1600.9	...	...
Safety Fund	231.50	243.70	...	...
Growth Fund	215.50	226.90	-2.80	...
Opportunity Fd	211.70	222.90	-2.70	...
Cash Fund	167.80	176.70	+0.10	...
European Fund	314.70	331.30	-7.60	...
Gilts & Fxd Int	200.10	210.70	+1.10	...
Index-Linked Fd	185.80	195.60	+1.50	...
International Fd	262.80	276.70	-8.30	...
North American	225.30	237.10	-10.80	...
Property Fund	117.10	123.30	-0.10	...
UK Equity	227.60	239.60	-2.40	...
UK Smaller	212.80	224.10	+2.70	...
SCOTTISH PROVIDENT 6 St Andrews Square, Edinburgh EH2 2YA 031 556 9181				
Mixed	251.30	264.70	-2.60	...
Equity	268.00	282.80	-1.90	...
International	260.40	274.20	-6.20	...
Property	196.90	207.40	+0.10	...
Fixed Interest	219.90	231.50	+0.60	...
Index Linked	180.90	190.50	+1.60	...
Cash	180.50	190.10	-0.10	...
SCOTTISH WIDOWS PO Box 902, Edinburgh EH16 5BU 031 655 6000				
Inv Pol 1	894.00	894.00	-14.50	...
Inv Pol 2	814.60	857.90	-14.00	...
Inv Pol 3	783.60	824.90	-13.40	...
Inv Cash	300.80	316.80	+0.40	...
Mixed Fund	427.10	449.80	-4.80	...
Equity Fund	501.90	528.40	-4.40	...
Property Fund	207.40	218.40	+0.20	...
International Fd	443.20	466.60	-13.30	...
Fixed Int Fd	376.30	396.20	+1.30	...
Indexed Stock Fd	200.50	211.20	+1.80	...
Cash Fund	219.10	230.70	+0.20	...
SKANDIA LIFE Skandia House, Portland Terrace, Southampton SO9 7BX 0703 334411				
Managed Acc	355.30	373.90	-2.20	...
Equity Acc	416.00	437.80	+10.50	...
International Acc	328.70	346.00	-6.90	...
Property	208.00	219.50	+0.20	...
Royal Trust Mg	227.30	239.20	-3.90	...
STANDARD LIFE ASSURANCE CO 3 George Street, Edinburgh EH2 2XZ 031 225 2552				
Cash	258.80	272.50	+0.20	...
Equity	939.70	989.20	-4.50	...
European	151.80	159.80	-2.90	...
Far East	158.50	166.90	-5.10	...
Fixed Interest	401.10	422.30	+2.00	...
Index Linked	208.00	219.00	+1.80	...
International	569.40	599.40	-15.00	...
Managed	657.50	692.20	-6.10	...
Nth American	138.60	145.90	-3.50	...
Property	316.80	333.50	+2.30	...
Pensions				
Cash	398.00	419.00	+0.40	...
Equity	1339.5	1410.1	-7.50	...
European	181.60	191.20	-4.00	...
Far East	124.80	131.40	-5.00	...
Fixed Interest	537.90	566.30	+2.90	...
Index Linked	288.20	303.40	+2.60	...
International	796.00	837.90	-24.80	...
Managed	913.60	961.70	-9.70	...
Nth American	172.00	181.10	-4.70	...
Property	403.30	424.60	+1.30	...
Stock Exchange	206.70	217.60	-2.30	...
SUN ALLIANCE St Mark's Court, Horsham, Sussex 0403 232323				
Managed Fund	611.20	643.40	-9.30	...
Equity Fund	818.30	861.40	-5.80	...
Fixed Interest Fd	422.20	444.50	+1.80	...
Index-Linked Fd	306.70	322.90	+3.30	...
Property Fund	431.60	454.40	+0.50	...
International Fd	582.30	613.00	-18.60	...
N American Fd	222.00	233.70	-9.90	...
Far East Fund	207.40	218.40	-5.50	...
Deposit Fund	283.80	298.80	+0.30	...
International Bd	£580.85	...	-1.08	...
Worldwide Bond	162.90	171.50	-1.90	...
Worldwide Finct	79.30	83.50	...	...
Worldwide Tech	94.30	99.30	+0.10	...
European	147.50	155.30	-4.20	...
Phoenix Assurance				
Wealth Assured	604.30	636.20	-8.50	...
Ebor Phoenix Eq	450.70	479.70	...	...
Property Growth				
Property Fund	£494.10	...	+0.50	...
-do- Acc	£463.20	...	-0.50	...
Agricultural Fd	£768.30	...	+0.60	...
-do- Acc	£738.20	...	+0.60	...
Abbey Nat Fd	£389.50	...	+0.30	...
Abbey Nat Acc	£413.40	...	+0.40	...
Investment Fd	£323.40	...	-4.60	...
Investment (A)	£311.00	...	-4.50	...
Equity	£1183.3	...	-7.90	...
Equity Acc	£1136.3	...	-7.60	...
Money Fund	£449.90	...	+0.40	...
-do- Acc	£431.20	...	+0.30	...
Actuarial Fd	£549.30	...	-5.50	...
Gilt-Edged Fd	£394.00	...	+1.60	...
-do- Acc	£394.00	...	+1.60	...
Retire Annuity	£1022.7	...	...	...
Immed Annuity	£304.50	...	...	...
Bldg Soc Life	£217.30	...	+0.10	...
SUN LIFE OF CANADA Basingview, Basingstoke, Hants RG21 2DZ Dealing: 0256 841414				
Growth Account	£1379.9	...	-20.10	...
Managed Acc	£796.90	...	-0.30	...
Equity Account	£1123.3	...	-4.90	...
Mngd Fund Acc	369.00	388.40	+0.10	...
Equity Fund Acc	494.40	520.40	-2.40	...
Prop Fund Acc	223.50	235.30	...	...
Fixed Int Fd Acc	312.80	329.20	+1.80	...
Money Fund Acc	214.00	225.30	+0.30	...
Indx-Lnk Scs Ac	208.10	219.00	+0.10	...
Pers Pens Accs	£1760.2	...	-18.50	...
Pens Mngd Acc	818.40	861.50	-9.00	...
Pens Guarantee	226.90	238.90	+0.40	...
Pens Equity	310.10	326.40	-4.70	...
Pens Property	245.20	258.10	+2.00	...
Pens Fixed Int	283.70	298.70	-1.30	...
Pens Intl	229.00	241.10	-3.00	...
Pens Money	225.50	237.30	+0.40	...
Pens Indx-Lnkd	196.70	207.10	+0.60	...
SUN LIFE UNIT St James Barton, Bristol BS99 7SL 0272 426911				
Managed Acc	843.30	887.70	-9.70	...
Property Acc	314.40	331.00	+1.80	...
Equity Acc	1376.0	1448.5	-8.60	...
Fixed Int Acc	397.00	417.90	+1.80	...
Index-Linked Acc	205.50	216.40	+3.00	...
Cash Acc	297.40	313.10	-0.20	...
Amer Equity Acc	329.50	346.80	-13.40	...
Japan Acc	314.60	331.20	-12.30	...
Pacific Acc	305.50	321.60	-6.90	...
Far Eastern Acc	741.30	780.40	-24.60	...
International Acc	526.10	553.80	-17.50	...
Distribution Fund	285.10	300.20	-0.90	6.25
European	173.30	182.30	-5.30	...
TSB LIFE LTD Charlton Place, Andover, Hants SP10 1RE 0264 345678				
Managed Fund	268.30	282.50	-2.80	...
Property Fund	184.20	193.90	...	...
Fixed Interest Fd	224.30	236.00	+0.20	...
Money Fund	192.20	202.40	+0.10	...
Equity Fund	349.20	367.60	-4.00	...
TARGET LIFE The Exchange, 66 High Street, Aylesbury, Bucks. 0296 394000				
Deposit	240.80	253.50	+0.10	...
Financial Ser 1	46.40	48.90	-0.10	...
Fixed Interest	323.50	340.80	+0.50	...
Gold	74.70	78.70	-7.20	...
Managed	582.30	613.00	-6.20	...
Mngd Growth	181.20	190.80	-1.10	...
Mngd Opp	191.30	201.40	-0.50	...
Property	258.50	272.60	...	...
Residential Prop	93.00	97.90	...	...
TSB American	197.50	207.90	-6.00	...
TSB Brit Gwth	780.50	821.60	-9.00	...
TSB European	261.20	275.00	-4.30	...
TSB Income	392.90	409.10	-0.40	...
TSB Intl	392.20	412.90	-11.00	...
TSB Intl Inc	284.60	298.60	-1.50	...
TSB Pacific	364.00	383.20	-8.40	...
TSB Prem Inc	261.10	272.80	+1.00	...



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Rent or buy? Weighing up the balance

Buyers are trickling back to the housing market, but renting somewhere to live has become an attractive option for many, reports **Sara McConnell**

Flickers of life in the housing market are not yet strong enough to bring buyers racing out of the closet, and if they did emerge it is not clear they would be able to find what they wanted.

Many people who are ready to take the plunge, are being forced to rent because sellers whose homes have lost value are still hanging back waiting for house prices to rise. Others, who have become disenchanted with the slowness of recovery, and fear being stuck with an unsaleable property, have decided to opt out of the homeowning business for the time being. Having seen less fortunate owners trapped in homes by falling values, they appreciate the flexibility of being able to arrive and leave almost at will and are in no hurry to buy.

Landlords, in the meantime, have discovered they can let properties to tenants on recently introduced assured shorthold tenancies for six months and get the property back at the end of this time without difficulty.

Renting has lost the stigma it used to have, says Rowena Gilbert, lettings director of Chestertons, the London estate agent owned by the Woolwich building society, which deals with the upper end of the property market. "People have been forced to rent but suddenly found it was an acceptable alternative. They also found it was a lot easier."

Estate agents believe there will never be a return to the attitudes of the late 1980s when people were reluctant to rent, thinking only of owning. The rising housing market of those days meant that anyone not buying felt left behind. They worried about putting money into a landlord's pocket instead of investing in their own home. Now buyers are returning to the market but, said Chris Cullen, Midlands regional managing director of Halifax Property Services, "Everyone has had their fingers badly burnt and it will be a long while before things overheat again."

Knowing that first and second time buyers are the key to a market recovery, lenders are doing their best to make buying attractive, with generous discounts and low mortgage rates. Those buyers wanting smaller, cheaper homes are, therefore, the ones who would probably find it cheaper to buy than to rent in the long term, if they have enough money to cover the initial costs. Further up the housing ladder, it is almost certainly cheaper to rent than to buy, according to Ms Gilbert.

The problem is availability. Edward Heaton, manager of Winkworth's Hammersmith office, says: "There is very little on the rental market. We have increased our advertising for letting threefold." This shortage means rents are rising in some areas. One-bedroom flats in Hammersmith which would have been rented for £120 to £130 a week are now going for £150.

At the more expensive end of the market in London, Chestertons say there is a shortage of premium property to rent. What there is is heavily in demand. Some properties are on offer for sale or to rent.

> **People have been forced to rent but found it an acceptable alternative**

A five-bedroom, two reception period house with walled garden in Kensington is for sale for £650,000 or for rent for £1,050 a week. At the lower end of the market, a one-bedroom flat in Chiswick is for rent at £150 a week or for sale at £59,950.

Assuming a buyer of the Kensington house would have a mortgage of around £300,000, the weekly mortgage repayment on the same property would be just short of £530 at current rates. Weekly repayments on a 95 per cent mortgage on the one-bedroomed flat would be £91.

Part of the shortage is seasonal as students return for the new academic year. Some homeowners who have not been able to sell and have let properties out over the past two years have found a buyer, thus removing a source of good rented homes from the market. The rental market has stabilised, demand is sending prices up, and renting is no longer the bargain it was for many when mortgage rates were much higher.

Despite signs that the renting honeymoon may be a short one, estate agents are still having trouble persuading the public to go back into the market. Tony Clark, general secretary of the National Association of Estate Agents, says that, because they have not had properties to sell over the summer, traditionally a busy time, they have not been able to trade as much as they would have wanted to on evidence, admittedly patchy, that house prices have bottomed out and that buyers should move now.

Figures released by the association this week show that 62 per cent of agents cannot satisfy demand, especially for certain types of home. Mr Clark says: "There is a difficulty in obtaining homes at the lower end. Agents are short of instructions as vendors wait for the market to improve. There is also the negative equity trap. People are forced to rent, at the bottom end."

Winkworth, the London estate agent, said two-bedroom flats were the biggest problem, followed by one-bedroom flats. Buyers are fussier than they were in the late eighties when they were prepared to accept awkwardly designed conversions backing on to council flats or on main roads in order to get a foot on the property ladder. More buyers are chasing the "premium" properties, while a rump of repossessions and properties in poor repair, or badly located, remains obstinately unshiftable.

Outside London, there is a shortage of properties for sale above £200,000. Mr Cullen of Halifax Property Services, says: "At the upper end, there is a shortage because there is a perception that property is still difficult to sell. People looking for something more individual over £200,000 are having difficulty."

Many of the hopeful customers are well paid executives being relocated to the Midlands by their companies, says Mr Cullen. At the lower end of the market, supply and demand are pretty well matched.

While, in London, would-be buyers cannot necessarily even rely on becoming would-be renters, there is more choice in regions like the Midlands. Those who cannot find what they want are still renting, particularly if relocating. A four-bedroom barn conversion with six acres of grounds is to let for £1,000 a month through Arrow Estates of Nottingham, while £975 a month would pay the rent for a large four-bedroomed house in half an acre of grounds. At the lower end, an inter-war three-bedroomed house in the Nottingham area, which would probably sell for £50,000, costs £300 a month to rent.

It therefore appears that availability of property for rent is going to play an increasingly important part in the housing market over the next few years.



Sallie Doyle of Chestertons is showing a five-bedroom house in Kensington, on sale for £650,000, to rent at £1,050 a week

Weekend Money is edited by Rose Wild

How the costs compare

INITIAL expenses are the biggest barrier to buying a home, with buyers, even at the most modest level, needing to set aside hundreds of pounds to pay for solicitors, surveys and moving costs (Sara McConnell writes).

In addition, they generally need a 10 per cent deposit. By contrast, tenants normally need to produce only a deposit and a month's rent. Once people are in, however, buying proves cheaper than renting for many in the lower reaches of the market.

Figures calculated for Weekend Money by the Woolwich building society show that a first-time buyer with a repayment mortgage of £23,920 on a two-bedroom terrace house in Manchester costing £26,000 would pay £155.90 a month in interest, assuming the standard rate of 7.99 per cent. (In practice, a first-time buyer should be able to get a discount or fixed rate up to two percentage points lower than this for the first years of the loan.) The cost of renting the same property would be £250.

Extra initial costs for buyers on the same property, would, however, include buildings and contents insurance of £13.38 a month, or £160.50 a year, and a one-off mortgage indemnity premium of £331.50, because the loan is more than 75 per cent of the purchase price. On top of this, solicitors' fees and land registry and local search costs add up to £340, the cheapest valuation a further £120 and removals £165.44. As the buyer has nowhere to sell, the cost does not include estate agents' fees, the most expensive single item of moving costs.

Repayments on an £88,000 mortgage on a three-bedroom terrace house in Ealing, west London, costing £110,000 would be £637 a month, together with £65.08 a month buildings and contents insurance, £220 indemnity insurance, legal costs of £475 and a valuation fee of £190. Again, this does not include selling, which would add several thousands to the bill. Renting the same home would cost between £200 and £250 a week, £800 to £1,000 a month.

PIA must listen to investors

The Personal Investment Authority, the self-regulatory organisation of the industry that sells to individual investors, reckons it will need an annual budget of £30 million to fulfil its promise of "enhanced investor protection" when it gets under way early next year.

Investors, who indirectly pay for this protection, must be wondering whether the PIA will offer anything better than the current system, which seems to protect the livelihood of spivs ahead of the interests of widows, orphans and ordinary investors.

Before the end of the year, the PIA will publish a document setting out in detail how it intends to ensure improved competence and integrity in the financial services sector. As the potential regulator of more than 6,000 investment firms, it will have a responsibility to more investors than any other organisation. Its acting chief executive says it must be more accountable to the investing public. Anyone who has had dealings with the current system must welcome any move towards improvement.

The PIA must start with its vetting system. Too many cheats and fraudsters have been licensed to rip off investors under the Financial Services Act. If we are to have faith in the PIA it must have the courage to turn down for membership not only tiny back-street outfits but also large concerns, with elegant addresses, that have caused grief to their investors over the years.

While the investment firms feel they are over-regulated, investors time and again ask what they have to do to get action when they know a firm is up to no good. Journalists receive numerous complaints, which we pass on to the regulators, who say there is no proof of wrongdoing or that the firm has reimbursed the investor. This is nonsense. After one, two or more years the regulator shows an interest and closes the firm. In the meantime, hundreds if not thousands of investors have been sucked in and may wait another year or more for compensation.

Too often, investors who complain are made to feel they are a nuisance, or unintelligent. It is not uncommon for their grievance to be passed from one regulatory organisation to another before it is unceremoniously returned unresolved. The setting up of a compulsory ombudsman scheme that will act if complaints to firms are not resolved within six weeks must be welcomed. It suggests that investors might be taken seriously at last.

Currently, British investors look enviously across the Atlantic where whistleblowers are financially rewarded instead of being vilified. The PIA says it wants to spend extra money on "intensified inspections". It says these will cut fraud and reduce the need for payouts of compensation to investors.

But before we are convinced, we need evidence that the PIA listens to investors' complaints, unlike the current regulators.

COMMENT



LINDSAY COOK
Deputy Business Editor

Card sense

It is six years since Save & Prosper last launched an assault on the credit card market with a low-interest credit card for homeowners. It attracted a lot of applicants, but a large proportion were found to be not creditworthy enough for cheap credit.

Now, as its new card is launched, offering the lowest interest rate by far for a credit card, those contemplating a move need to look more closely at the offer.

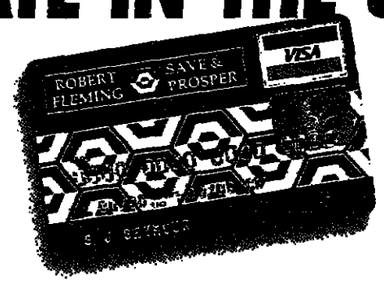
Many of the people who moved away from Lloyds Bank or Barclays, when these became the first banks to introduce an annual fee on credit cards, found that they had swapped their many thousand pound credit limit for one of a few hundred pounds. Their flexible friend had become rather stiff.

Some cards that started out cheap have later increased their interest rates so that they are virtually indistinguishable from those charged by the largest card issuers. They claimed they "miscalculated" on bad debts and the cost of running the operation. It will be interesting to see whether the new S&P card does indeed remain the cheapest.

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COMPARISON OF INTEREST RATES

Offer	Monthly Rate	APR (Variable)	APR (Fixed)	Compensated amount saving on £1,000 owing
Save & Prosper VISA*	1.00%	14.6%	14.1%	-
Lloyds VISA*	1.75%	24.6%	26.5%	£104
Mid West Access*	1.78%	23.9%	27.9%	£97
TSB Mastercard	1.58%	22.9%	23.4%	£91
Midland Access*	1.65%	23.1%	25.8%	£90
Barclaycard VISA**	1.65%	22.9%	24.8%	£88
Bank of Scotland VISA**	1.63%	22.8%	24.5%	£85
Lloyds Access*	1.58%	22.4%	24.3%	£83

Annual Fee: *£12 **£10. Compared interest rates as at 1st September 1993.

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Phone-based insurers in the fast lane for value

Direct insurers have undercut the market by targeting low-risk drivers, reports Jill Insley

THE enormous success of Direct Line and other telephone-based insurers has revolutionised the motor insurance market.

Traditional companies, which have relied on brokers to sell their policies, have been forced to set up their own operations, creating a range of choice that can only be good for the consumer and should help to keep prices down and service standards high.

Direct telephone insurers have undercut the market by selecting low-risk policyholders. Churchill Insurance covers drivers between the ages of 25 and 74, although existing customers over the age of 74 will still be offered insurance.

Martin Long, Churchill's chief executive, says: "These people are better insurance risks. They have fewer accidents and the accidents they do have are less expensive."

The lower anticipated cost of accidents is passed on to the customers. Maureen McElney switched to Churchill from a traditional insurer last month when they offered a premium costing £400 less.

Mrs McElney, who lives in Liverpool, shared a car for several years with her brother-in-law and had been included as a second driver on their insurance policy. She had not generated a no claims bonus as a result. When she bought her own Vauxhall Astra 1300 at the age of 60 last month she sought insurance from her previous insurer, Royal Insurance, but was horrified to discover the premium would be £700. A few minutes after calling Churchill she had bought fully comprehensive cover for £258, plus breakdown cover of £52.

Telephone-based insurers can give quotes within seconds of inputting details of the car and driver into their underwriting system

Mr Long believes that traditional insurers subsidise higher-risk drivers at the expense of lower-risk drivers. He says: "We take the view that youngsters have so many accidents that, despite the fact their premiums are more expensive, there are still some subsidies at work. The claims are so big that the older drivers are subsidising the younger ones." Steve Gates, marketing services manager for Norwich Union, disagrees: "None of our products subsidise each other."

Customers have also been attracted to the direct companies because of the ease and efficiency of dealing over the phone. Telephone-based insurers can give quotes within seconds of inputting details.

The insurer can take credit card details immediately and the policy, not a credit note, is posted the same day. The driver seeking insurance from a traditional company may not see the policy for up to three months.

Direct insurers, as the name implies, deal with the customers directly rather than through a broker. Insurance brokers do the leg work for their client, checking the cover provided and collecting quotes from different insurance companies. Drivers who do not fall into the low-risk group targeted by direct insurers may find that their quotes are deliberately uncompetitive or that their application is declined.

Martin Burke, group marketing manager for insurance broker Membership Services Direct, says: "An insurance broker will find insurance for you regardless of where you live, what you drive, your age or your record." He also points out that most insurance brokers will either have access to or be a Lloyd's broker, providing a further source of insurance which is not available directly to the customer.

Traditional insurers have responded to the competition by cutting their premium rate and increasing the provision of additional services such as breakdowns and recovery cover, and insurer-approved repair centres. Norwich Union automatically includes a recovery service in its Lady Motoring policies.

Other traditional insurers have launched their own direct telephone insurance company. Guardian Royal Exchange has announced a launch in the near future.



Maureen McElney saved £400 within minutes by getting a direct insurance quote for her Vauxhall Astra

COST OF CAR COVER

a = FULLY COMPREHENSIVE Car	Churchill (6)	b = 3RD PARTY FIRE AND THEFT Direct Line	Norwich Union	Sphere Drake
Jaguar XJ6 4.2 (1)	a.£630 (*£100)	a.£484	a.£392	a.£895 (*£150)
	b.£317	b.£280	b.£372	b.decline
BMW 318i(2)	decline	a.£434	a.£538	a.£564(*£50)
		b.decline	b.£471	b.decline
Rover 214Si(3)	a.£1207 (*£250)	a.£253 (*£200)	a.£296	a.£546 (*£300)
	b.£840	b.decline	b.£249	b.decline
Peugeot 205 GTI 1.9 (4)	a.£2025	a.£1375	a.£1027(7)	a.£2353 (*£450)
	b.decline	b.decline	b.£818(7)	b.decline
Kawasaki Ide500 motorcycle(5)	motorcycles not covered	motorcycles not covered	a.£725 b.£207	a.£693 b.decline

Notes: 1. One male driver aged 56, managing director of company. Lives and works in central Manchester. Two speeding fines - 5 and 2 years ago. Car used to drive to and from work. Five years no claims bonus.

2. Main driver male aged 40, marketing director for computer company. Sole user of car for work. Second driver - wife aged 36. Lives in Aylesbury, works in Oxford. Five years no claims.

3. Main driver woman aged 45, solicitor. Sole user of car for work. Second driver husband aged 46. Also to be used for 18-year-old son who is learning to drive. Lives in Skipton, works in Leeds. Four years no claims.

4. One male driver aged 25, clerical civil servant. Uses car to get to work. Lives in Clacton, works in Colchester. Two years no claims.

5. One male rider aged 32, communications consultant. Bike used for work. Lives and works in central London.

6. Churchill require additional compulsory excesses - £100 for fire and theft, and £40 windscreen cover.

7. Subject to NU approved alarm/immobiliser being fitted.

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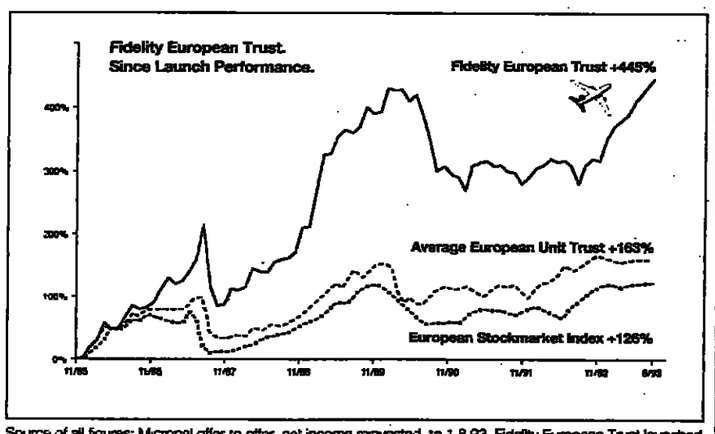
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BRIEFING

'Significant' move away from equities

Reports of investors rushing to take advantage of the rising stock market in August may not be telling the whole story, says Fidelity Brokerage, the commission-only share-dealing service.

Fidelity says it saw a significant move away from the stock market in August. During the last week of the month, its clients withdrew twice as much as they invested in equities. As the average value of Fidelity's private client trades is three times that of the industry average, the broker concludes that the more sophisticated private investor has become increasingly concerned about recent rises in share values.

☐ Lloyds Bank's new Value Cover home contents policy offers a 10 per cent no-claims discount for policyholders who do not claim in the first year. Lloyds said research showed 69 per cent of homeowners expect the provision of a no claims discount on home insurance. A 10 per cent discount for over-60s has been extended to include over-50s.

☐ Morgan Grenfell is to launch two high-interest funds. One is an income trust, offering an estimated 10 per cent yield. Charges are: 5 per cent initially, plus 1.5 per cent a year. The other offers a mixture of income and growth, with an expected yield of around 7 per cent. Both are Pepable.

☐ Yorkshire Building Society is to launch a telephone share dealing service early in 1994. The low-cost, high volume service will be aimed at the mass market. Investors will be able to buy and sell all stocks quoted in sterling on the London stock market.

☐ As the government considers whether to relax regulations governing homes for the elderly, Eagle Star has produced a free guide to choosing private residential and nursing homes. The booklet includes a check list of features such as facilities, finance, safety and standards of medical care.

☐ Home & Colonial has launched an offshore version of its high-income unit trust. The Sterling Distribution Fund pays 10 per cent gross, net of charges, every quarter. The minimum investment is £5,000. The initial charge is 5 per cent; the annual charge is 1.5 per cent.

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Lower borrowing rates mean many people have spare cash. **Liz Dolan** offers ideas on what to do with £50 a month

Seeking out those happy returns



Savers may not coin it, but they can choose from a vast array of investment schemes — provided they weigh the risks

FALLING borrowing rates over the past year or two have released extra funds into borrowers' bank accounts. Rather than fritter away the entire surplus each month, beneficiaries should consider investing at least part of it in a regular monthly savings plan.

The payments do not have to be large. In fact, the lower the initial commitment, the less danger there is of being unable to meet payments later. For the purposes of this article, it is assumed that £50 a month is an affordable sum.

There is a plethora of investment vehicles from which to choose. Some involve more risk than others, although this is normally balanced by higher potential returns. Some offer flexible payment options, or allow savers to withdraw money when they wish.

Others impose heavy penalties on those who miss payments, or cash in before the end of a set investment period. Tax-free plans are probably the best bet, especially for those in the higher rate band.

Alternatives include:

☐ **Regular payment personal equity plans (Peps):** the most tax-efficient way into the stock market as they are free of both income and capital gains tax. Available from investment houses, most high street banks and some building societies, including the Halifax and National & Provincial. Funds may be withdrawn at any time but, as with all equity-based investments, this is no place for money that may be needed urgently. The maximum annual investment is £9,000, including £3,000 in a single company Pep. Unit and investment trust Peps tend to be safer as the risk is spread over a number of stocks. Watch for high management charges, which can wipe out tax-free benefits. Investment trusts tend to have lower charges. BESt Investment, the London financial services company, publishes a free introductory guide, plus a magazine giving investment advice, information about plan managers and best buys. This costs £25, normally refundable against a Pep. BESt's favourite Pep managers are Perpetual and Newton. Perpetual's funds are more volatile than most, but have been consistently strong performers. Newton is more conservatively managed, but £50 is below its monthly savings minimum.

☐ **With-profits endowment plan:** a life assurance savings product that provides a lump sum, paid either on maturity, or death. Most companies declare an annual bonus, plus a terminal bonus on maturity. The proceeds of a ten-year policy may be taken tax free after seven-and-a-half years. For longer-term policies, the payout is tax free after three quarters of the term, or ten years, whichever is earlier. Situated at the relatively low-risk, low-return end of the investment spectrum, these are for the safety-conscious who are confident that they will not have to touch their money in the first few years of the policy, when they stand to lose a large slice of their initial investment in commission payments. Royal London's with-profits policy has done extremely well over the past 20 years. Other solid performers include Equitable Life, Tunbridge Wells Friendly Society, Refuge and Norwich Union.

☐ **Tax-exempt special savings plan (Tessa):** tax free provided none of the capital is touched for five years. Rates can change at any time. Interest may be withdrawn tax free, as long as it does not exceed the amount that would have remained after tax. A maximum of £9,000 may be invested over the period. Annual maximums: £3,000 in the first year; £1,800 in each of the next three; £600 in the final year. Some plans pay bonuses on maturity. Transfers to other institutions are normally possible, but this may involve loss of bonus, or transfer charges. Building societies offering good rates of interest include: Hinckley & Rugby (8.05 per cent), St Pancras (8 per cent) and Melton Mowbray (7.70 per cent). None pays a maturity bonus. Banks tend to pay less than building societies.

☐ **Save-As-You-Earn:** a tax-free government savings scheme. The only drawback is the maximum monthly payment of just £20. It pays 8.3 per cent a year if the money is untouched for five years. No payments are accepted after five years but, if the accumulate balance is left in for a further two years, the annual interest rate rises to 8.62 per cent. No interest is paid on withdrawals during the first year; those made between the first and sixth year still earn 6 per cent interest, tax free. Available from a number of building societies, including Bradford & Bingley, Halifax, Alliance & Leicester and Bristol & West, plus one bank, Abbey National.

☐ **National Savings Yearly Plan:** a tax-free, five-year plan that pays 5.75 per cent a year. Monthly payments for the first year only of between £20 and £400. It must be then left alone for a further four years. If the standing order is not cancelled at the end of the first year, payments will continue into the next yearly plan, with an interest rate fixed at the new prevailing rate.

☐ **Building society accounts with monthly contributions:** Interest rates tend to be prohibitively low, especially if starting from scratch, and interest is taxable. Rates are slightly more attractive where there is an existing balance. On a minimum balance of £500, with a 90-day delay on access, the Halifax pays 3.38 per cent net and the Leeds 3.45 per cent.

Jeremy Dufton, financial planning manager, Yorkshire Bank, recommends investing £20 a month in SAYE. For the "very, very safety conscious", he advises paying the remaining £30 into a ten-year endowment plan. If a friendly society is used, £18 of this may be invested tax free. He is keen on the Tunbridge Wells Friendly Society. For the less risk-averse, a Pep plan offers much better potential returns and would be more flexible, he says.

Colin Firth, branch manager of Bradford & Bingley's Moorgate branch, also recommends a combination of SAYE and Peps. He says Tessa rates are not as attractive as they once were and would prefer to look elsewhere first. Mr Firth is adamant that homeowners, expecially higher rate taxpayers, should also consider using spare cash to increase monthly mortgage payments during periods of low interest rates.

S&P promises low rates in long term

BY SARA MCCONNELL, PERSONAL FINANCE CORRESPONDENT

CREDIT cards without an annual fee became more of an endangered species this week as Save & Prosper announced that new customers would no longer have the choice of a card without an annual fee.

S&P, a small bank with 100,000 existing credit card customers, said this week that its new Visa and Mastercard plastic cards would have an annual fee of £12, and an interest rate of 1 per cent a month, 14.6 per cent a year for customers buying goods on their cards and not paying off the balance in full. Cash advances on the card will cost 16.1 per cent. This is about eight percentage points less than competing cards from the big issuers such as Barclaycard, which charges 22.9 per cent with a £10 annual fee.

Cardholders will have to pay interest from the date of the transaction rather than the date of the statement, typically at least a week later. All other major card issuers have moved in this direction.

S&P maintains that charging a fee and charging interest from the transaction date allow it to offer a lower rate. It will also be fussy about who it takes, to keep down its bad debts. Only homeowners, with a steady job and a good credit record, will be accepted.

More mass market issuers say they cannot offer such low rates as S&P. Some who started out with low rates, like the Halifax, were forced to raise them. Now the Halifax is more expensive than Barclaycard. John Walsh, the Halifax's assistant general manager, said: "We couldn't break even, we were losing money on our card. We had to face bad debts."

S&P's Ian Lindsey, director of banking, said: "This is not a low interest rate we intend to increase in a few months after clients have signed up. If the general level of interest rates remains unchanged for the next decade then our rate will not change — that's a cast iron guarantee."

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A wad of notes does nicely when the hammer falls

Margaret Dibben concludes cash is still king when buying at auction



Great bargains can be had at auctions, but paying by cheque or banker's draft is not easy

AN Eastbourne arcade owner recently went to an auction in Nottingham to bid for pool tables and fruit machines. He asked his bank to contact the auctioneer and agree to honour cheques to a given value above his guarantee card limit. The bank failed to do this but he found out only after successfully bidding for £6,000 worth of equipment. He had to go home without his purchases, raise the money the next day, and drive back to Nottingham to collect them.

Paying for goods at auctions can be a problem if they are over a cheque card limit. Banker's drafts or building society cheques cannot be arranged in advance as exact amounts are not known. There are two options: pay cash and remove goods on the day, or pay by cheque and wait four working days for it to clear before collecting.

Rose Shearwood of Kent Auto Auctions said: "It would not amaze us if someone bought a £20,000 car for cash." Buyers must pay £100 deposit and return next day to pay the balance, either in cash or with a building society cheque or banker's draft.

Nicholas Somers, a director of Aldridges of Bath, said: "There are a number of people who go around fraudulently trying to buy with stolen cheque books. If we allowed a purchaser to take an object and the cheque defaults, it is our responsibility to pay the vendor so we never let anything go without clearance."

Lots Road Galleries in Chelsea is unusual in accepting credit and debit cards. But there is a 1.5 per cent surcharge for credit cards, plus VAT which brings the cost to 1.76 per cent. Christina English, operations manager, said: "We take anything except cheques, unless they are below the guarantee limit. People can set up a cheque arrangement in advance but that takes ten days to clear with their bank." Buyers have 24 hours to return with the cash and the auction house takes details before they leave. Ms English says: "We like deposits, but it is not mandatory."

But on top of the bid price, many auctioneers now impose a 10-15 per cent buyers' premium and VAT on top. If the buyer fails to pick up goods in a day or so they will be charged storage, maybe £5 a day. Banks can be requested to tell the auctioneer that their customer is good for a certain sum of money, though this has limitations. Wyn Johns, manager of UK private banking in Lloyds Bank's Mayfair office, said: "The reference can be given only with the express consent of the client and to a specific auction house."

Bankers' drafts cost about £15; special clearance about £10. Money can be sent to the auctioneer's bank account by electronic transfer that guarantees arrival. It costs about £15. The Incorporated Society of Valuers and Auctioneers publishes a free leaflet, *Buying and Selling Chattels at Auction — a Guide*, available from 3 Cadogan Gate, London SW1X 0AS.

INTEREST RATES ROUNDUP

	Nominal rate	Compounded at tax rates 25%	40%	Minimum investment £	Notice	Contact
BANKS						
Ordinary Dep A/cs:						
Typical	0.38	0.38	0.30	1,000	7 day	——
Fixed Term Deposits:						
Barclays	3.75	3.75	3.00	25,000-50,000	1 mth	071-626 1567
"	3.75	3.75	3.00	25,000-50,000	3 mth	071-626 1567
Lloyds	3.19	3.19	2.55	10,000-no max	1 mth	Local Brnch
"	3.32	3.32	2.66	10,000-no max	6 mth	Local Brnch
Midland	3.75	3.75	3.00	10,000-100,000	1 mth	0742 528555
" "	3.84	3.84	3.07	10,000-100,000	3 mth	0742 528555
NatWest	3.47	3.47	2.78	25,000-50,000	1 mth	071-726 1000
" "	3.36	3.36	2.77	25,000-50,000	3 mth	071-726 1000
HIGH INTEREST CHEQUE ACCOUNTS						
Bank of Scotland MMC	3.25	3.31	2.65	2,500‡	none	031-442 7777
Barclays Prime a/c	1.88	1.88	1.50	2,500‡	none	0604 252891
Co-operative Ultra	0.38	0.38	0.30	500‡	none	071 626 8543
Citibank	3.75	3.82	3.06	2,000‡	none	0800 555994
Lloyds HICA	0.38	0.38	0.50	10,000	none	0272 433572
Midland HICA	1.50	1.50	1.20	2,000‡	none	0742 528555
NatWest Special Reserve	1.13	1.13	0.90	500‡	none	0800 200 400
Royal Bank of Scot.Prem A/c	1.50	1.51	1.21	2,000‡	none	031-556 8555
TSB Bank Inter Chque Acct	1.88	1.88	1.50	2,000‡	none	071-600 6000
BUILDING SOCIETIES						
Ordinary Share A/c	0.75	0.75	0.60	50+	none	——
Best buy — largest accs:						
Bristol & West 5.44	5.44	4.3560,000				
		min	Postal			
Birmingham Mid	5.70	5.70	4.56	100,000 min	Postal	——
Bristol & West	4.73	4.73	3.78	50,000 min	30 day	——
Woolwich	5.81	5.81	4.65	50,000 min	90 day	——
Bristol & West	6.38	6.38	5.10	100,000 min	1 year	——
Best buy — all accs:						
North of England	5.33	5.33	4.26	25,000 min	Postal	——
North of England	5.63	5.63	4.50	25,000 min	30 day	——
St Pancras	5.59	5.59	4.47	25,000 min	60 day	——
National Count.	5.85	5.85	4.68	50,000 min	90 day	——
Universal	6.26	6.26	5.01	50,000 min	1 year	——

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NATIONAL SAVINGS						
Ordinary A/c*	3.75	2.81	2.25	500-10,000	8 day	041-649-4555
Investment A/c*	6.25	4.69	3.75	20-24,999	1 mth	041-649-4555
Income Bond*	7.00	5.25	4.20	2,000-24,999	3 mth	0293 786151
6th Index Linked*	3.25	3.25	3.25	100-10,000	8 day	091-386-4800
40th Issue Cert*	5.75	5.75	5.75	100-10,000	8 day	091-386-4800
Yearly Plan†	5.75	5.75	5.75	20-600/mth	14 day	091-386-4800
Children's Bond	7.85	7.85	7.85	25-1,000		
Gen Ext Sate†	3.75	3.75	3.75	—		
Capital Bond*	7.75	5.81	4.65	100-250,000	8 days	041-649-4555
1st Option Bond*	4.75	4.75	3.80	1,000-250,000		
GUARANTEED INCOME BONDS						
Financial Ass	4.75	4.75	4.04	50,000 min	1 yrs	Figures from
Financial Ass	5.35	5.35	4.55	50,000 min	2 yrs	Chase de
Financial Ass	5.70	5.70	4.85	20,000 min	3 yrs	Vere
Financial Ass	6.15	6.15	5.23	5,000 min	4 yrs	071 404 5788
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Credit Card	25 - 27%	Italian Lire:	2360.00

TESSA	CAR (%)	£3,000 val 1 year on	Transfer penalty	Minimum investment	Telephone number
Hinckley & Rgby	6.05	£3,241.50	90 days loss	£25	0455 251234
Dunfermline	6.00	£3,240.00	1mths no6c9+loss	£3,000	0383 721621
St Pancras	6.00	£3,240.00	£25+30days notice	£10	071 7942331
National Cnty	7.90	£3,237.00	90 days loss	£3,000	0372 742211
Dudley	7.87	£3,236.10	paid up share a/c	£10	0384 231414

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BANKS				
TSB Scotland 041 248 2414	5.75	to £50K	100	Rate fixed to 30.9.94
BANKS				
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WEEKEND MONEY LETTERS

Disability benefit investigations destroy image of the Caring Nineties

From Mr M. J. Stanley

Sir, Your report on PHI Fraud (September 4) mirrors the current debate over disability benefits and seems to rebut any notion of the Caring Nineties.

Far from encouraging concern for those in a less fortunate position, it would seem that our institutions are more concerned with punishing innocent victims of illness.

Your correspondent acknowledges that insurance companies have been lax in recognising fraud and tells us that only about 60 per cent of those cases referred are fraudulent. If that is so, then we must deduce that the vast majority of claims are genuine, but, in the light of my own experience, I would suggest they are increasingly being subjected to unnecessary and over-zealous investigation, even when faced with overwhelming medical evidence.

In my own case, my insurance company has two specialist reports, a senior registrar and my GP's assessment that I am unfit to return to my occupation, but they continue to quibble despite having grudgingly paid the claim for over six years.

I am now awaiting a similar inquisition by the DSS. Caring Nineties, you must be joking!

Yours faithfully,
M. J. STANLEY,
3 Regent Court,
Winn Road,
Southampton,
Hampshire.



Credit card charge for a disputed item came as a nasty surprise

From Mr Arthur Munday

Sir, When I queried a charge to my National & Provincial Visa card on my May 1993 statement, I had no idea it would cost me so much.

A charge for £8.52, dated April 16, appeared on my May statement for something I had ordered from a Dutch company in August 1992, but never received. I was warned by National & Provincial that I might have to pay £5 if there had been an error on my part. A footnote on my monthly statements then advised me to deduct the disputed £8.52 if paying my statement in full, which of course I did. Imagine my surprise when my August statement revealed a credit for the £8.52 and a debit for interest of £12.60 labelled "disputed item adjustment — interest". Could this be classed as credit card fraud?

Yours faithfully,
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INVESTMENT TRUSTS

Days of many happy returns

Helen Pridham on the numerous changes affecting investment trusts, after a decade of good results for their investors



Paul Manduca, chairman of the Association of Investment Trust Companies, says that investment trusts had been a well kept secret

For investors wanting a stake in the stockmarket, investment trusts have many attractions. They offer a spread of risk across a varied portfolio of shares. They are low cost compared to other collective investment products and, above all, they have produced some impressive results.

Figures from the Association of Investment Trust Companies (AITC) show that £100 invested in a general UK investment trust ten years ago would have been worth £480 by the beginning of August this year, compared with £205 had it been deposited in a building society account.

Growing awareness of investment trusts has led to a rapid increase in the level of interest among private investors. During the first-half of this year, a record £102 million has flowed into trusts through savings and investment schemes.

More than £500 million has been attracted into trust launches. The industry has a total of more than £34 billion under management in around 265 trusts. Discounts are standing at their lowest for more than 20 years.

A decade ago the situation looked very different. Few private investors knew investment trusts existed, and institutional investors were developing their expertise and trying to reduce their holdings. Unit trusts had caught up with and overtaken the investment trust industry.

The turning point came in the mid-1980s with the introduction of savings and investment schemes. They enabled private investors to buy modest amounts of investment trust shares at very low cost.

Ernest Fenton, the director general of the AITC, says: "Previously investment trust companies had not been allowed to advertise or market their shares, and investors had to go through a stockbroker if they wanted to invest.

"When savings and investment plans came along, it meant companies no longer had to hide their light under a bushel." During the 1980s, the AITC also began an all-out campaign to explain the merits of investment trusts to the investing public.

Paul Manduca, the deputy managing director of the Henderson Group and the chairman of the AITC, says: "Until then, investment trusts had been one of the City's best-kept secrets."

Among the features the AITC stressed was the competitive fee structure of investment trusts. This is one of their greatest attractions, as investors have become more conscious of the high charges and inflexibility of other savings and investment products, including endowments and insurance bonds.

Despite recent increases, the average annual charge on investment trusts is still well below 1 per cent.

When the campaign began, share prices of investment trusts were at a large average discount of more than 20 per cent of their underlying asset values. The AITC made a virtue of this at the time, saying that investors were having a bargain because they were receiving more shares and dividends for their money than if they had bought the same assets direct.

As demand for investment trust shares increased, discounts were decreased significantly. The average discount at present stands at just 8 per cent.

This reduction of discounts helped to enhance the performance of investment trusts compared with their main rivals unit trusts, whose prices move directly in line with the value of the underlying assets.

Some observers question whether the results produced by investment trusts will look so good without this extra boost.

However, investment trust experts argue that the structure of trusts will continue to give them the edge.

Mark Jeffries, at Credit Lyonnais Laing, says: "If you strip out the effect of the discount and compare the performance of the underlying assets, as we have with United Kingdom general, north American and Japanese trusts, investment trusts still come out ahead of unit trusts.

"We believe this is because investment trusts have a superior structure to unit trusts because they are closed ended. The investment managers know they have a fixed amount of capital they can invest on a long-term basis.

"They don't have to deal with the problem, which unit trust managers face, of having to invest huge inflows of money at the top of the market, which will in all likelihood flow out again when share prices drop, and will cause them to sell good investments at poor prices.

"Another advantage of investment trusts is their ability to borrow money," Mr Jeffries says.

"If they can achieve a better return on their money than the cost of borrowing, investors' returns are enhanced. They can currently borrow long term at very low rates."

That investors have become increasingly interested in investment trusts is clear from the response to the AITC's last advertising campaign. It has received more than 70,000 requests for the information pack it has been advertising since the end of 1991.

Besides convincing private investors, the AITC has been trying to persuade more professional investment advisers that they should recommend investment trusts to their clients. In a recent survey, the association was pleased to find that around one-third of independent financial advisers will advise on investment trusts.

A RISING TIDE

Inflow of funds into investment trust savings and investment schemes

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Source: AITC

How to pep up share ownership

UK funds want to profit by personal equity plan savings available with foreign funds

This year for the first time the Chancellor of the Exchequer will hold his red Budget box aloft outside the door of No 11 Downing Street a few weeks before Christmas. Presentation of the annual Budget, when the government tells us how much tax we are going to pay, has been moved from mid-March to the end of November.

This will not affect the start of the tax year on April 6 but it will give everyone more time to sort out their tax affairs before the start of the fiscal year. In this transitory year, however, it allows less preparation time for organisations that want to bend the Chancellor's ear.

One of the first submissions will be from the Association of Investment Trust Companies, which wants investment trust companies to be allowed to take part in personal equity plans (PEPs) exactly as all other UK-quoted companies.



Kenneth Clarke

Although up to £6,000 worth of shares in any UK or European-quoted company can be sheltered from tax in a PEP, wherever in the world the companies make their money, investment trust shares can be used at this level only if the underlying portfolio has at least 50 per cent of its shareholdings in UK or European companies.

Fiona Monro, the association's head of publicity, comments: "There is the absurd situation that an international conglomerate based in this country with subsidiaries all over the world is qualifying up to £6,000, yet an investment trust that is investing all round the world is not. Investment trusts, not single companies, are the logical first step into the stock market, yet they are discriminated against by the very government that is encouraging wider share ownership."

One investment trust with an international portfolio is a far safer PEP investment for small shareholders than other single companies, where employees can invest £6,000 in a general company PEP, plus £3,000 in a single company PEP — all with the same organisation paying salary and pension.

The different treatment of investment trusts also means that they cannot be used at all in single company PEPs, even though an investment trust is a quoted company in exactly the same way as Marks & Spencer or British Telecom. The only difference is the nature of their businesses.

In past Budgets, the association has successfully lobbied for changes to the way investments trusts are allowed to participate in PEPs. Initially, they were excluded altogether but then they could take a quarter of the amount that other UK companies were allowed.

This involvement was increased to a half and finally they were permitted to take the full annual PEP investment, provided they qualified by having at least half their portfolio in UK-quoted shares or European shares.

Non-qualifying investment trusts have always been severely restricted but at least a PEP containing these shares can now be topped up to the limit with qualifying shares or other company shares.

The association is also expected to ask the Chancellor for a change to the tax laws which regulate the way in which futures, options and warrants are treated within investment trusts. At present, the Taxes Act leaves room for different interpretations about whether profits from futures, options and warrants, which together are called "derivatives", should be treated as capital or income.

Investment trust companies want to use derivatives, which are comparatively safe, to counter-balance the other investments in their portfolios. But they do not know in advance whether the Inland Revenue will declare these profits as income or capital gains.

The consequences of making the wrong decision could result in the loss of their tax exemption under Section 842 of the act, which is intended to ensure that investors do not pay tax twice over on capital gains. Only investment trust companies suffer this uncertainty.

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Look east for profits

Margaret Dibben on the latest trends among investment trust managers



Rapidly rising Japanese stocks are proving very popular with investment trusts

Investment trust management groups produce a regular wave of new companies throughout the year to attract new customers.

A few investment firms which have never been involved in the industry have recently discovered investment trusts. Perpetual, a unit trust group, moved into the market with a Japanese investment trust and Johnson Fry and Capital Ventures are looking to replace their existing Business Expansion Scheme work, which disappears at the end of the year.

Even during the quiet investment months of the summer, several new investment trusts came on the market, each seeking to raise millions from investors. A lot comes from financial institutions that consider specialised investment trusts an economical way to have money in areas where they do not have expertise. All the recent launches were highly specialised funds: small companies and emerging markets. Japan turned up several times.

This week, Henderson Touche Remnant launched a Japanese Smaller Companies Investment Trust, its first investment trust move into Japan. The minimum investment is £2,000 and a savings scheme will start later. James de Sausmarez, the managing director, explained why they had identified this narrow area: "We will launch an investment trust only when we think there is a strong investment argument. We think the Japanese economy is recovering and we think smaller companies will outperform big companies.

"The only other true Japanese smaller companies trust is Baillie Gifford Shin Nippon. Perpetual had a smaller companies angle, but the investment policy was really for a general Japan trust. Institutions are the natural buyers for this, but anybody who is holding investment trust shares and wants to diversify their portfolio could consider buying it."

A new investment trust has to persuade investors to buy shares, knowing there is a strong risk that the price will fall to a discount when they start trading. Unless they are very ill-informed, investors will not do this if they can buy existing shares in the same sector which already stand at a discount.

Simon Crinage, the marketing manager of Fleming, explains: "There is no point in launching a venture capital fund when people can look at existing ones at a 30 per cent discount."

Fleming is about to launch a China trust, initially investing in a few Chinese companies but also looking at Hong Kong, Taiwan and Korean companies that derive a substantial part of their revenue and profit from China.

"China has a booming economy with huge consumer potential and a lot of foreign investment is going in," Mr Crinage says. "I will buy a few shares for myself."

Increasingly, investment trust managers are becoming more innovative in their launches. BZW is launching a company investing in second-hand life assurance policies, while the first endowment policy investment trust, from Kleinwort Benson, will pay out after 11 years. There is a roll-up facility for investors who do not wish to take their money out until the company is wound up.

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> 'China has a booming economy with huge consumer potential. There's a lot of investment'

Johnson Fry is bringing out a second utilities fund. Charlie Ricketts, the marketing director, says: "We had a lot of independent financial advisers who missed the first fund because they thought it would open at a discount.

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When buying new issues, Nigel Sidebottom, the associated director of Gerrad Vivian Gray, stockbrokers and fund managers, says: "You have to be careful when applying for new issues and watch what is happening to the sector generally. They can go to a discount but some emerging market, high income trusts and smaller companies trusts now go to a premium. You could have stagged some of those issues very effectively."

Investors can ignore new issues and look for the bargains among already quoted shares, but this is more complicated than simply choosing one with a large discount, because the discounts can change very quickly.

Mark Flander, the manager of Capel-Cure's investment trust selection service, explains: "It is difficult for small investors to find the bargains unless they have access to some half-decent research or a friendly broker who will do it for them. You can think you have found a bargain but find that the trust is on a discount for a very good reason.

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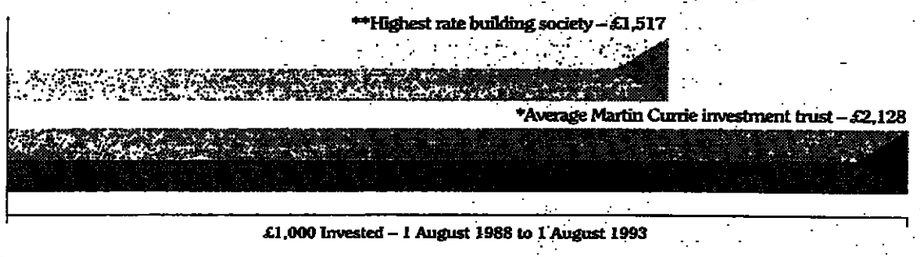
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Solving a Chinese puzzle

Jill Insley on the riches and risks awaiting investors in new markets in expanding Far East economies

In the last couple of years, "exotic" stockmarkets, like those of Mexico and Turkey, have shown the enormous potential of emerging economies. Now fund managers are looking to China to become the world's next powerhouse economy.

At the end of this month, Flemings Investment Trust Management is planning to launch a trust investing in the China region. The fund will be managed by Stephen Luk, of Jardine Fleming, Flemings' Hong Kong-based sister company. Mr Luk is confident that steps taken by the Chinese government to strengthen its economy, together with liberalised foreign trade, extensive natural resources and a growth in gross domestic product of 12.8 per cent in 1992, will produce good returns on investment in China and any nearby country.

Although the Chinese have shown enthusiasm for investment, its domestic markets in Shanghai and Shenzhen are still very small, with only 30 companies listed. Flemings will initially invest a large proportion in Hong Kong and other Far East markets, which can also expect to benefit from China's growth.

The present plan envisages that Fleming Chinese will invest 60 per cent in Hong Kong, 10 per cent in Taiwan, 10 per cent in South Korea, and 10 per cent in each of the Shanghai and Shenzhen stockmarkets.

Other fund managers agree that China could be a good long-term investment. Bruce Seton, a director of Gartmore's Far East desk, has invested 3 per cent of his fund in China. He says: "If you've got the balls to ride any short term movements, I think if you get set in China now, it's going to be a good thing."

Robbie Robertson, a trust analyst for NatWest Securities, says: "If you want to salt something away for ten years, then in 2003 you might be very sorry not to have put something in this area."

Jane Hakham, a manager of the Beta Global Emerging Markets Investment Trust, is also positive about the prospects for China over the next five to 15 years. But she is concerned that there is still no proper structure for running the economy, that the country's own stockmarkets only offer a choice of 30 different stocks, and that a well-regulated method of investment still has to be developed. The trust's recent strategy has been to sell China stock and reinvest in Latin America. Ms Hakham says: "We haven't found any satisfactory method of investing there. Shenzhen is like the Wild West."

Investment in emerging markets if not for the faint-hearted or those who cannot afford to lose their money. The performance of investment trusts which invest in the stock market of just one country can be particularly volatile as there is no limit to the damage that a military coup, disaster or civil war can do.

> 'Shenzhen is like the Wild West. We have not found a way to deal there'

By their very nature, emerging stockmarkets are small and illiquid. Foreign investors trying to invest large amounts of money can cause large increases in share prices. But prices can tumble just as quickly. Some investment trusts have attempted to reduce the risk by investing in the emerging markets of a particular region, such as Flemings' proposed China Trust.

However, this strategy still leaves the investor exposed to some volatility — if one market within the chosen region suffers a serious fall, the others are likely to be affected as well.

The safest way to put money into emerging markets is by diversifying investment through several regions. As Ms Hakham points out, there is hardly any correlation between, for instance, what the Peruvian and Bangladeshi markets do on the same day. Beta GEM is invested in six regions and 22 countries, including Vietnam, Pakistan, Bangladesh and Ecuador.

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Matthew Kinkead, a private client salesman with Ollif and Partners, follows fund performance on behalf of his clients. He says: "I like the trust's lower risk profile and limited exposure to the markets. The trust manager's statistical methods of getting in and out of markets seem very logical. There's one problem — it's trading at a premium."

Professional investors are fully aware of the potentially enormous returns available from emerging markets. This is reflected in the share prices of many of the investment trusts, which are at a premium to their underlying net asset value. In other words, investors have to pay (say) 105p for every 100p of assets. This is hard to swallow when one is already taking significants risks by making the investment in the first place.

Mr Kinkead says: "It's really very limited at the moment. Everything in the trust sector is looking quite expensive. Let's hope there's not a swing back to big discounts. If the markets have a shake-out and normal discounts return, some investors may be disappointed."



The Great Wall of China, breached by western investors

Benefit from trusts advice

There are good reasons for using portfolio management expertise

One of the main reasons to buy investment-trust shares is for the spread of investments they give over a large number of companies. Anyone who does not have the knowledge, or perhaps the time, to buy individual shares, can put their money into a balanced portfolio by taking one investment decision.

It therefore seems excessive to pay someone else to pick the investment trusts for you, yet that is exactly what portfolio management services offer.

A number of private-client stockbrokers, and a few of the large firms of independent financial advisers, will advise you, for a fee, on which investment trusts to buy.

Nigel Sidebottom, associate director of Gerrard Vivian Gray, explains: "Each layer of management can add value. With investment trusts, you are not only making money from the asset performance, but from the movement in the discount or premium as well. Virtually every portfolio I run has outperformed the investment-trust index over the last couple of years. That is the proof of the pudding."

James de Sausmarez, managing director of Henderson Touche Remnant, says: "The big problem as a private investor is that you want to go into the specialist areas to get the big returns, but the difficulty is knowing when to go in and when to come out. With a portfolio management service you get the professional's view, which should enable you to outperform the general trusts."

Mark Fiander, manager of Capel-Cure's investment trust selection service, says: "We have access to up-to-the-minute information on trusts. We can meet the management groups regularly and hear about changes in their policy and portfolios."

The case for taking advice is becoming stronger each year as increasing numbers of investment trust companies are launched. The newer trusts always specialise in particular areas as it is difficult for a new fund to compete with the existing, and successful, large general funds.

This makes the choice more confusing for the investor. You can be reasonably confident of picking a steady performer if you choose one of the solid general international and UK trusts such as Foreign & Colonial, TR City of London, or Fleming Claverhouse; but with anything more specialised you could make a serious mistake.

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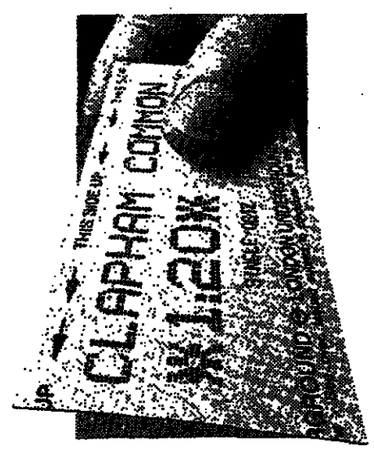
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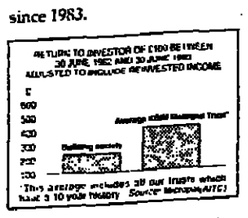


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Split-capital trusts look for better times

Jill Insley explains a system that benefits income and capital-growth seekers but has proved recession-prone

Split-capital investment trusts allow investors to choose shares to match their investment objectives.

At their simplest split trusts, or "splits", offer income shares paying a relatively high yield and capital shares which hold out the prospect of substantial growth.

Investment trust managers have launched many new split trusts in recent years, most of them including a third class of stock — zero-dividend preference shares. As its name suggests, the zero pays no dividend but its capital value rises by a predetermined amount during the life of the trust.

Other variants include stepped preference shares which have a fixed redemption value but provide dividends which rise at a predetermined rate; and highly geared ordinary shares which provide high income and entitlement to any assets after the zeros have been paid up.

Some trusts also include warrants. These are usually sold at a much lower cost than shares, or included as part of a package, and allow the holder to buy shares at a predetermined price by a set date. Warrants do not receive dividends or hold voting rights and after the set date they become worthless. The warrant holder is not obliged to buy the trust's shares, but can sell the warrants before the set date.

Split trusts have a limited life, often of seven or ten years. At winding up, the different classes of shares have varying claims to the trust's assets.

Zeros have first claim on the assets and therefore carry less risk than other types of share. Income shareholders usually then receive their original investment back, while capital and highly geared ordinary shareholders are last in line, receiving the remaining assets.

Split trusts were developed to benefit both income and capital-growth seekers by investing in high-yielding shares which improved in share price.

When the trusts regained popularity in the 1980s, stock markets were strong with shares providing good capital growth and generous dividends. Trust managers found it relatively easy to meet the objectives.

However, during the recession the high-yielding end of the stock market has not performed according to plan. Share prices have dropped and dividends have been cut. Fund managers have found it increasingly difficult to meet their income objectives.

This forced them to invest increasing proportions in higher risk shares, thus threatening returns to capital shares.

Analysts became worried that a conflict would develop between the interests of capital and income investors, with capital investors coming off worse.

As the economy emerges from recession, dividends should start to improve once more. At the same time, shares which have been paying a high yield because of their depressed share price may recover sharply in value as their prospects improve.

Robbie Robertson, trust analyst for NatWest Securities, says: "The capital performance of shares which started off on high yields has been quite good."

Despite this, he believes the investment portfolios of some split-capital trusts are too heavily weighted towards high-yielding shares.

Some trusts have made a switch in investment strategy to balance the situation. General Consolidated Investment Trust has switched from shares yielding 7.5 per cent to 5.5 per cent, compared with the average FT-A All Share of 4.5 per cent.

Several trusts, including Save & Prosper Linked, Gartmore Scotland, Scottish National and Contra-Cyclical, have been forced to cut dividends paid to income shareholders.

Michael Reeder, Contra-Cyclical's manager, says: "The areas that we were investing in were vulnerable to dividend cuts because of the recession."

Contra-Cyclical, as its name implies, invests against the current market trends. For example, the trust had invested quite heavily in British Aerospace which over the last year has been doing very well. Mr Reeder says: "Contra-cyclically, this has run its course. We will switch the money back into areas that a year ago were performing very well."

The trust cut dividends to income shareholders in March, after two good years. Mr Reeder says: "There was no way the board felt that was sustainable without disadvantaging the capital shareholders. It would have distorted the portfolio.

"The capital shareholders are having a good run now, and the income shareholders will come through at the end of the day."

There is growing interest in a cheap, competitive service that is putting shares to greater use

Range of benefits in share swaps



A shareholder makes his point during Fleming's annual meeting

Investment trust managers report a growing interest in their share-exchange schemes, particularly from people who have acquired shares through privatisations and are unsure what to do next. These schemes offer a cheap, convenient way for investors to trade in their shares and gain the advantages of investment trusts.

Share-exchange services are currently offered by at least 12 investment-trust groups. One of the first to offer was Fleming, in the mid-1980s, and so popular has the idea proved that it has exchanged more than £3.6 million shares in the past 12 months.

The minimum investment through a share-exchange scheme ranges from £250 to £3,000 but you can normally top up with cash if your shareholding falls short. Foreign & Colonial and Alliance set no minimum at all. Besides shares, a number of groups sell gilts through their exchange schemes.

Charges vary considerably. Some companies have one charge to cover both the sale of the shares and purchase of the investment trust holding; others have two sets of charges. Sometimes it is a flat fee, or it can vary with the size of your shareholding. But the cost is normally modest if compared with stockbrokers' commission.

Fleming will sell any quoted shares for a flat fee of £12.50 each. The fee is the same whatever the size of the holding. It also applies if two or more people in a family combine to exchange their shares. The proceeds are then invested in any one of the company's 15 investment trusts.

In addition, Fleming also operates a Share of the Month offer, when the fee is reduced to £7.50. Past shares have included companies such as BP and Abbey National. However, this month, there is a special deal for all BT shareholders, giving them the opportunity to sell their shares free of charge and reinvest the proceeds in one of Fleming's investment trusts.

Foreign & Colonial introduced a share-exchange scheme only in March this year. The minimum charge is £20 on share sales up to £1,333. The company's Jeremy Tigue explains: "So many people were asking if we had a scheme that we decided to set one up in conjunction with Sharelink. We are not subsidising it so investors have to pay the usual Sharelink rates when we sell their shares. We have done considerably more business than expected."

Henderson Touche Remnant will sell your shares free of charge, though it does levy 1 per cent on your investment trust purchase. Other investment-trust groups which offer share exchange include Abtrust, Broadgate, Dunedin, Framlington, Gartmore, John Govett, Invesco MIM, Ivory & Sime, Morgan Grenfell, and Murray Johnstone.

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SHARE EXCHANGE SCHEMES — TYPICAL CHARGES

Group	Minimum investment	Cost of sale	Cost of buying
Henderson TR	£250	Nil	1.0%
Fleming	£400	£12.50 per holding	1.0% (max £50)
Foreign & Col.	No min	Min £20	0.2%
Dunedin	£250	£15 per holding	Nil
Ivory & Sime	£3,000	1.5% (min £15)	4.0%

Advisers must explain the true costs

Investors need to examine the arithmetic of what are sometimes misleading claims on charges and profits

Five years ago, the Association of Investment Trust Companies initiated a major campaign to promote investment trusts to private investors. It has been hugely successful and investment advisers have become accustomed to a level of interest and, indeed, a demand previously unknown.

The most common question is "should I be looking at investment trusts?". If an independent adviser is doing the job properly there must be an honest response and this means confronting the misleading claims often made by those with a direct interest in selling investment-trust shares.

Time and again, it is suggested that investment trusts involve lower charges than those arising from unit-trust investment. This should be examined closely. On average, stockbrokers now charge commission of about 1.8 per cent for small to medium-size deals. To this must be added stamp duty of 0.5 per cent; and then there is the market-makers' spread. This varies widely, but 1.2 per cent is typical. Therefore, the purchase cost is unlikely to be less than 3.5 per cent.

At this stage the advocate of investment trusts will point to unit-trust initial charges that are rarely less than 5.25 per cent, and say: "Case proved".

The problem is that the investor has heard only half the story, because having got in he must then get out. The unit-trust holder simply sells his units back to the fund managers at no cost whatsoever. However, the investment trust investor must again pay commission of 1.8 per cent, creating a total "in-and-out" cost of not less than 5.3 per cent. So where is the great cost advantage?

If the investment-trust holder has chosen wisely and doubles his money, then the exit cost will also double. He is then looking at total costs of more than 7 per cent and it is no good arguing that he will be happy to pay the extra from his profits. The unit-trust holder still gets out for nothing.

Then there is the thorny question of annual charges. Unit trust managers impose a fairly high charge for their services and then bear their own corporate running costs; typical figures are 1.25 per cent to 1.75 per cent. The different structure of an investment trust allows the manager to charge a fee, in addition to which the trust bears other administrative costs and directors' fees.

The total annual cost to shareholders will rarely be less than 0.5 per cent, is typically 0.9 per cent and, in some cases, exceeds 2.5 per cent. On balance, unit-trust investors may pay slightly more per year for management expertise, but the differences are not enough to justify the claims often made.

Having explained the cost realities of collective investment, the independent adviser should then explore more complex areas. Does the investor understand the "double whammy" effect, which arises from holding shares in a company that holds shares?

Does he fully appreciate that this effect, which can accelerate growth in a rising market, can also accelerate losses when markets start to fall?

However, if he neither understands the "double-whammy", nor appreciates the effect it can have, he should, perhaps, look elsewhere for the solution to his requirements.

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1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
625	345	Abbey Nt	602	...	11.5	3.6	15.5
284	179	Allied Irish	265	+3	...	3.9	14.8
197½	130	Ass New Z	171	-2	...	4.9	...
3005½	2712½	Bankamerica	3105½	+18½	...	...	...
255	177	Bk of Ireland	247	+3	...	5.0	19.9
359	305	Bk Leumi UK	350	...	17.0	6.1	...
176	116½	Bank Scotland	169½	-1½	4.5	3.4	33.8
517	362	Barclays	508	+5	...	...	...
n/a	2	Benchmark	4	...	...	...	...
21	15½	Carliols	20	...	...	...	...
570	395	Cater Allen	567	+1	27.0	5.0	...
153	85	Cattles	144 †	-1	...	3.6	19.2
3450	1787½	Chase Manh	2350 †	+37½	...	...	...
2267½	1343½	Chiltern	2267½	+100	...	...	...
435	250	Close Bros	431	-1	...	2.9	18.9
6130½	5275	Commerzbk	£129½	+2½	...	1.2	...
£317½	£250½	Deutsche Bk	£308½	+7½	...	1.6	...
98	68	First Nat Fin	89	...	...	0.7	...
1651	806	Fuji Bank Y	1488	-18	...	0.4	...
494	343	Gerrard Nat	493	-1	...	2.5	13.1
734	490	HSBC	708	+5	19.0	3.4	14.8
752	474	HSBC HK	693	+5	19.0	3.5	16.4
389	245	Hambros	358	-4	14.0	4.9	16.5
413	313	Joseph (L)	410	...	16.6	4.1	...
155	96	King Shaxson	145	...	9.0	7.2	...
508	312	Kleinwort Ben	486	-2	16.0	4.1	16.9
591	482	Lloyds	549	-6	18.4	4.2	15.7
118	63	Lon Scot Bk	105	-2	3.0	3.5	23.0
527	322	Nat Asst Bk	465	-10	...	4.1	17.2
512	398	Nat West	483	...	17.5	4.5	20.3
460	270	Provident	430 †	-2	11.4	3.4	18.3
54	39	Rea Bros	50 †	-1½	4.9	7.4	53.1
305	207	Rpl Bk Scot	305	+5	8.8	3.6	...
1306	957½	Schroders	1305	+25	...	1.0	26.3
984	576	Stand Chart	956	+5	20.0	2.6	...
218	145½	TSB	215	+6	6.4	3.9	...
190	78	Union Disc	167	...	...	...	...
815	528	Warburg SG	800	-2	...	3.0	20.2
286	185	do 8% 'A'	280	...	...	2.7	...
7850	4943½	Wells Fargo	7712½	+181½	...	1.4	...
187	121	Westpac	169	-2	...	1.4	...
280	188	Wintrust	283	+3	9.3	4.1	25.3

BREWERIES

649	517	Allied-Lyons	592	-4	...	4.6	16.0
647	441	Bass	595	+3	18.9	4.8	10.8
299	189	Boddington	275	...	7.3	3.4	15.9
439	362	Bulmer (HP)	438	...	...	2.8	20.0
197	129	Burnwood Bw	169	-2	4.7	3.7	13.6
180	75	Eldridge P 'A'	128	...	...	3.2	33.0
685	50	Fosters Brewing	51½	-1½	...	4.9	7.6
435	338	Fullr Sm 'A'n	423	...	7.4	2.2	18.1
630	383	Grand Met	625	-6	12.3	3.6	14.0
547	347	Greenall Grp	536	+1	11.9	3.4	12.3
572	505	Devenx King	572	...	...	3.1	17.0
521	437	Guinness	478	-5	...	3.1	17.0
261	230	Hardy Hanson	262	...	7.9	3.8	14.6
1830	1350	Highland	1830	...	40.0	3.2	20.6
353	255	Highland Dist	339	-1	8.0	2.5	23.5
3138	2538	Holt J	2875	...	41.0	1.7	19.4
80	35	Hoskins Brew	65	...	...	...	46.8
352	250	Invergordon Dist	300 †	-1	...	2.9	17.1
186	151	Macallan-Glen	152	...	0.9	0.8	24.4
465	375	Macdn Martn 'A'	385	...	...	2.9	18.4
221	164	Mansfield	212	...	...	2.5	15.2
259	231	Marston Thmp	260	...	...	2.4	16.9
1285	1285	Matthew Clark	1285	...	...	4.4	13.6
300	253	Mrydown W	293	...	7.0	3.0	23.1
545	455	Morland	538	...	8.4	2.0	21.4
12	6½	Paramount n	10	+½	...	2.1	17.7
187	145	Regent Inns	175	+1	...	3.2	17.5
975	753	SA Brewries	920	+5	...	3.3	13.6
487	408	Scot & New	476	-1	...	4.4	14.8
181	141	Taunton Cider	212	...	6.0	3.5	17.3
256	213	Vaux Group	256	+2	9.3	4.6	17.6
252	198	Wetherspoon JD	252	+2	...	1.9	26.0
559	435	Whitbread 'A'	549	-1	...	4.0	14.8
1200	850	do- 'B'	1200	+40	...	1.8	30.1
613	485	Wolverhmptn D	486	-3	11.4	2.9	13.7
515	475	Young 'A'	478	...	14.5	3.8	19.8

BUILDING, ROADS

120	73	Abbey	120 †	-1	...	1.0	∞
25½	12½	Albrigtons n	18 †	-1	...	...	...
129	87	Allen n	129	+13	...	4.8	29.2
165	97	Amec	164	+6	3.0	...	19.0
4	1	Anglo Sec	3½	...	...	...	...
302	155	Ashtead n	302	+3	4.5	1.9	49.1
142	101	Atwoods	127	+3	5.0	4.9	18.4
255	180	BPB Ind	245	-2	...	3.8	42.1
99	57	Baggeridge Brk	87	...	...	4.3	39.3
31	18	Bailey (Jos) Con	29	...	...	3.4	24.4
108	74	Barratt Devs	104	-1	2.0	1.5	19.2
56½	32½	Bardon	48	-1	2.0	5.3	23.3
165	94	Barratt Devs	164	-1	...	1.5	18.3
453	308	Bellway	451	+2	...	3.3	26.1
43	15	Bellwinch	43	...	...	...	...
446	295½	Berkeley Gp	425	...	...	1.8	25.6
116	45	Bett Bros	108	...	...	0.6	4.4
63	36	Blockleys	56	...	1.0	2.3	61.9
288	189	Blue Circle	281	-3	...	5.1	...
285	230	Bovis (Henry)	285	...	8.9	2.7	15.3
106	78	Breedon PLC	92	...	...	4.6	6.2	22.2
182	82	Br Dredging	117	+2	5.2	5.7	25.4
83	45	Brk Pridmore	65	...	...	1.5	2.9	...
151	99	Bryant	143	+3	...	4.3	4.2	30.6
90	53	CALA	90	+2	...	4.3	...	...
295½	200	CRH	291 †	+10	...	2.9	20.5
43	18	Cakebread Hby	38	...	...	...	...
63	23	Costain	38	-1	...	...	...	...
142	86	Cramogside	140	+3	...	3.6	37.5
80	38	Cmst Nicholson	79	...	0.0	...	...
108	27	Cussins	103	...	...	1.3	...
3	1½	Dunmow	3	...	...	...	...
35	15	Edmond Hdgs	186	...	0.5	3.4	...
275	178	Epwin	274 †	...	9.1	3.3	23.2
58	32	Erith	58	+1	0.5	0.8	...
468	252	Eve Group n	468	...	...	2.7	16.9
6	3½	Explosive	4½	...	...	...	...
140	97	Freeman Gp n	130	...	...	4.8	20.7
68	38	Galliford	68	...	4.3	...	18.9
78	52	Gibbs & Dandy	68 †	...	...	1.9	...
918	665	Gleeson (M)	915	...	12.7	1.7	14.8
90	59	Hawtin-Stant	194½	...	...	2.8	31.7
57	28	Hemmings	40	-5	...	3.8	29.5
325	186	Heywd Wtn	325	+1	12.5	4.8	...
119	37	Higgs & Hill	106	...	2.5	2.9	...
38	26	How Gp	38	...	...	4.9	...
21	15	Howard Hdgs	21	...	0.5	3.0	...
78	39	Ibstock Johnsen	78	...	1.0	1.6	...
19½	12½	Jarvis	19	...	...	...	...
315	196	Laing (J)	315	+12	9.0	3.6	12.5
127½	103	do- 6.4% Cr Pf	126½	...	...	5.1	...
85	53	Lo Clydesdale n	80	...	4.5	6.3	33.9
23	10½	Lovell (TJ)	7	+½	...	...	7.7
250	240	Manders	335	-8	9.0	3.4	20.3
168	93	Marley	155 †	...	4.2	3.4	45.5
106	61	Marshalls	106	+2	...	4.7	73.0
188	122	Maunders (J)	188	...	4.9	3.4	16.5
215	98	McAlpine (A)	213 †	+3	6.5	3.8	36.9
49½	23	McCarthy & S	38	...	0.5	...	...
417	272	Meyer Int	414	+20	...	3.0	41.5
129	62	Mowlem (J)	127	...	4.0	3.9	...
135	51	NSM	130	...	...	...	...
48	30	Needler ▲	48	...	...	3.7	23.3
1705	1405	Newman Tstr	1495	-1½	...	...	19.6
300	197	Pershmoon	284	...	8.6	3.8	28.7
31	12	Phoenix Timber	14	+1	...	...	...
1625	1237½	Pochin	1525	...	20.0	2.4	9.3
159	80	Prowting	159	...	3.4	2.7	...
6½	1½	Quilligotti ▲	1½	+½	...	...	...
823	555	RMC Gp	805	-2	...	3.1	31.7
1072	775	Raine Ind	811	+1	8.0	8.2	15.2
138	90	Ransome	23	...	...	...	...
573	402	Redland	543	-5	25.0	5.6	31.6
80	64	Rmtrd	80	...	4.3	6.7	11.8
256	207	Rugby Group	256	...	6.4	3.0	20.9
69	23	Scrib-Fern n	69	...	...	...	...
123	68	Sharpe & Fisher	122	-1	...	4.1	21.2
221	86½	Sheffield Ind	215	...	...	3.1	32.8
162	82	Sheriff Hdgs ▲	162	+2	...	1.5	24.2
98	66	Shorco ▲	80 †	...	...	1.5	19.9
240	196	Smart (J)	230	...	8.5	4.6	10.5
3½	2½	Stanrnin	3½	...	...	3.3	...
161	103	Tarmac	159	-2	5.5	4.3	...
194	137	Tay Homes	175	...	5.8	4.2	11.2
139	83	Taylor Woodrw	139	...	1.0	0.7	...
638	433	Tilbury Douglas	605	-3	33.0	6.8	19.7
39	19	Torex Fitns	37	...	...	...	...
247	166	Travis Perkins	245	+15	8.0	4.1	43.1
40	30	Try Group	33	...	1.0	3.8	9.3
28	20	Tudor ▲	28	...	...	1.2	...
89½	41	Vibroplant	84 †	...	2.5	3.7	30.2
65	20	Ward Hdgs	48	...	...	...	...
36	25	Waterhouse	33	...	...	...	...
475	358	Wates Wstn	475	...	...	3.5	18.3
26	8	Westcit ▲	23	...	...	...	...
164	90	Westbury	164	+2	5.0	3.0	25.6
12	4½	West Stafflnsh ▲	7½	...	...	...	...
13	5	Wiggins	9 #	...	...	...	...
464	371	Wilson Bowdn	448	...	8.7	2.4	30.0
147	107	Wilson (C)	138	+1	3.9	2.6	32.3
194	104	Wimpey G	184	-2	...	3.6	...
47	25	YRM	36	+1	0.5	1.7	...

BUSINESS SERVICES

675	463	ADT	615	...	...	...	...
228	198	Adam & Harvey	228	+3	12.0	6.6	4.2
92	56	Air London n	75	...	...	5.8	9.3
58	37	Airtours Lnhm	47	...	2.0	5.3	...
178	125	Aman Sec	150	-2	...	6.4	26.9
128	84	Brit Caledonian	123	+1	...	3.3	5.0
101	41	BNB Res	101	...	4.9	6.1	...
318	258	BPP	311	...	8.0	2.5	17.2
285	198	Barlow Clowes	285	...	8.0	4.5	15.0
24	15	Boustead	24	+3	0.7	3.6	...
254	184	Brt Data Mgt	234	...	...	2.1	19.5
26	11	Broadcastdata	26	...	...	3.8	19.9
51	28	Brooks Service	45	...	...	...	...
168	85	CRT Gp	105	...	...	3.4	18.2
193	139½	Capita Group	191	...	...	1.4	28.8
45	31	Castor Plc	43	...	...	2.3	16.5
55	18½	Chiltern Capital	21½	...	...	...	...
68	47	Chrysalis	68	...	...	...	...
370	228	Chubb Sec	353	...	...	...	21.9
100	18	Comcase	98	...	...	2.0	23.2
30	6½	Corp Services	28	...	...	...	...
52	20	Courts Craig	48	...	...	...	...
130	50	Dext	110	...	3.3	3.0	14.9
242	198	Davis Service	244	...	...	4.1	18.4
104	85	EW Pacts	95	...	...	4.8	5.7	18.9
52	11	Gardiner	50 †	...	...	0.6	...	21.5
257	215	Hays	250	...	...	4.0	2.3	34.6
248	176	Hogg Robinson	241	...	...	...	3.4	17.6
70	38	Holmes Protectn	35	...	...	...	2.3	17.7
206	127	Hunch Whitmp	200	...	...	5.4	2.6
2082½	975	ISS B DKr	1950	...	...	2.0	20.0
617	519	Instrapp	617	-3	3.0	3.0	18.2
883	669	Johnson Clean	883	...	25.7	3.8	18.2
12	2½	Lep	10½	...	...	3.5	15.1
288	173	Mike Gp	284	...	...	...	...
1162	893	Manpower	1017	+18	...	1.8	37.1
62	45½	Michael Page	62	...	...	...	26.1
239	167	Pennine	167	...	...	7.5	6.3
4½	2	Prime Purple ▲	2½	...	...	...	...
142	80	Prosidnt Alrs	142	...	...	2.2	6.8
452	327	RCO	385 †	+5	12.8	4.5	13.2
118	96	REA	98	...	4.0	5.1	...
106	43	Reed Executive	105	...	...	5.0	∞
156	110	Reliance Secs	113	...	2.3	1.3	26.7
288	178	Rentokil	215	...	...	1.8	13.3
283	220	Rotfe & Nolan	235	+12	...	2.6	20.5
390	334	Salvesen (C)	373	-1	...	2.6	12.4
39	26	Scot Pickfords	39	...	...	...	...
6½	5	Select Appts	6	...	...	...	...
1133	695	Serco Gp	1133 †	+13	14.0	1.5	31.3
352	124	Sherwd Cmpts	163	+2	...	3.8	22.6
130	60	Sterchley	99	...	6.5	2.3	18.3
355	310	Warner Howard	350	...	...	...	...
45	27	Welpac	32	...	0.4	2.0	∞
29½	14	Wills Gp	26	...	...	...	...

CHEMICALS, PLASTICS

248	210	Allied Colloids	239	+2	...	2.2	21.0
861	613	Amersham	806	+3	...	2.0	28.7
7	1½	Anglo Ind	2½	...	...	...	...
£103½	£325	BASF DM	£100½	+25	...	4.1	19.6
297	199	BTP	284	...	...	4.1	...
£123½	£101½	Bayer DM50	£119½	...	...	0.5	18.2
178	134	Biagdon	169	...	...	7.9	10.6
165	93	Brent Chems	160	...	...	...	...
530	345	Br Bio-Tech	13½	...	...	12.3	37.5
29	12	Bristol Gyp	18	...	7.2	6.2	16.5
153	126	Canning (W)	144	...	...	3.3	13.9
608	504	Courtaulds	573	+4	...	2.9	18.9
333	228	Croda	333	...	4.0	4.2	10.6
149	121	Doeflex	218	...	...	4.0	20.8
295	175	Ellis & Everard	218	...	8.0	2.9	20.8
29½	15½	Exm Colour	24	+3	...	2.3	16.4
327	259	Halstead Jo	307	+1	...	3.4	17.2
24L	16T	Hickson	18L	+5D	...	2.1	20.2
£114½	£830	Hoechst	£105½	...	...	2.1	...
252	195	Holliday Chem	215 †	+6½	...	4.8	...
723	608	ICI	715	-1	10.5	3.0	17.2
688	576	Laporte	625	+1	...	4.4	21.3
274	171	Lrich	260	...	...	...	...

DRAPERY, STORES

102	53	Alexon	65 †	...	...	5.8	...
67	42	Amber Day	72	...	3.1	5.4	19.7
352	257	Argos Plc	393	...	...	2.5	26.7
25	12	Ashley Group	17	...	...	...	...
118	69	Ashley (Laura)	104	...	0.1	0.1	...
315	278	Asprey	315	+6	5.1	2.0	21.8
134	94	Austin Reed	132	...	...	0.4	...
155	125	Beattie (J) 'A'	153	...	...	5.0	15.3
121	94	Bentalls	99	-4	1.9	2.4	...
278	208	Bestwerve	235	...	...	1.1	28.1
41	22	Blacks Leis	41	...	2.2	0.0	...
225	133	Body Shop	188	+5	...	1.1	34.2
16p	11½	Brown A Jackso	13½	...	...	0.7	n.s
401	318	Brown (N)	398	...	...	2.2	23.2
87½	64½	Burton	78	...	...	3.3	...
148	128	Carpets	148	...	6.0	3.4	...
360	295	Church	345 †	+2	12.5	4.5	30.7
163½	97	Clinton Cards	159	...	4.2	3.3	19.2
252	212	Coats Viyella	252½	+½	...	3.6	35.1
112	78	Colorvision n	103	...	5.0	4.8	18.5
700	374	Courts Furnish	695 †	...	55	1.0	8.7
155	115	Crown Eyes	135	...	...	6.5	9.2
298	189	Daisy Farm Ind	124	-1	...	2.8	18.2
84	51½	Dawkins (D)	84	...	1.0	1.5	22.0
281	189	Dixons Grp	234	+3	...	3.3	...
413	309	Dunhill	386	+9	8.1	2.6	15.0
31	19	EDA Gp	14	...	...	...	...
530	400	Ecco (Wrnbldon)	530	...	16.0	3.2	18.2
16p	7½	Essex Pass	163	...	...	2.1	27.6
278	208	Etam	272	...	6.9	3.2	24.9
698	499	Fine Art Dev	577	...	12.7	2.8	18.9
50	28	Fired Earth Tiles	48	...	...	...	...
550	498	Fourminster	550	+2	14.0	3.2	18.0
180	24	French Conn n	180	...	...	...	...
74	43	Gieve Sft	71	...	2.0	3.5	20.8
57	25	Goldsmiths Gp	53	...	0.3	0.6	...
3825	2400	Gus	3800	-25	...	2.5	18.6
2166	1583	do- 'A'	2157	-23	...	2.6	18.6
49	31	Hampden Grps	33	...	...	3.6	16.4
277	230	Harrison	62	...	...	3.6	...
29½	20	Helene Pic	29½	...	2.0	9.9	12.1
72	57	Heritage A	69	...	...	...	...
77	35	Honeysuckle	70	...	...	1.8	9.9
300	240	Jacques Vert	300	...	...	3.1	9.3
691	496	Kingfisher	652	+5	...	2.1	22.4
74	62½	Leslie Wise Gp	68	...	4.0	7.4	14.0
695	498	Liberty	580	...	7.2	1.6	68.1
243	193	Lloyds Chem	234	...	5.5	2.4	11.1
152	120	MFI	145 †	-½	...	3.4	12.2
393½	311	Marks Spencer	392	+½	...	2.6	21.5
565	448	Menzies (John)	564	-1	...	2.4	15.8
300	240	Mice Bros	259	...	...	2.5	10.6	26.9
194	154	Mkt Selectns	188	+½	2.5	1.3	24.5
15	5	Oliver (G)	40	...	...	...	...
197	107	Oldhams Ind	278	+5	...	4.3	13.7
98	68	Owen (A)	365	-5	6.8	2.8	...
215	58	Norbain n	215	+3	...	0.9	16.4
75	20	Northamber	58 †	...	0.6	1.3	...
139½	9	Oceonics	13½	+1	...	...	...
285	195	Oxford Inst	275	...	4.5	2.0	18.9
85	48	P-E Internl	72	...	...	...	...
31½	29	P & F	70½	+4½	1.4	2.5	37.4
80	56	Peek	76	...	3.4	5.7	19.6
222	115	Pegasus n	201	+1	...	4.0	51.1
9800	9000	Philips Fin 4%	9800	...	...	...	...
1312½	725	do- Ltnp nv	1237½	-12½	...	...	...
254	211	Photosintex	248	...	...	...	...
580	343	Pitco	580	+5	...	1.8	26.1
560	326	do- 'A' Voting	560	+5	...	1.8	25.2
96	68	Plasmec n	85	...	...	...	5.4
120	76	Prisac	119	...	4.2	2.5	13.5
158	81	Pzlon n	118 †	-1	...	2.6	31.3
281	180	Rack Elect	229	-5	4.2	2.3	13.5
70	45	Radstone	60	...	...	3.0	13.5
70	31	Radyne	35	...	2.7	...	12.1
92	64	Real Time n	74	-3	...	5.1	15.2
35	18	Rivia	28	...	...	...	39.2
699	387	Sage Gp	390	...	9.0	2.3	25.5
348	222	Sanderson Elec	348	+3	9.0	3.3	14.8
88	49	Scanmatic	88	...	...	3.1	4.9	20.2
160	117	Schuler Gp	160	...	...	3.9	31.4
375	270	Sears Gp	374	...	...	2.8	0.9	30.2
42	25	Silverstone	40	...	...	...	...
50	37	Soundtracks	47	...	...	3.7	15.9
2675	1730½	TDR	2400	-35½	...	1.5	20.7
75	45	TDS Chrmics	75	...	...	...	...
198	80	Telemech	180	+4	0.8	0.5	29.7
1017	609	THORN EMI	971	+4	...	4.1	14.8
111	98	Thorpe FW	111	...	2.5	2.8	11.4
100	68	Tomy Systems n	64	...	3.0	5.8	11.3
609	372	Tomkins	598	...	8.0	1.5	20.0
292	164	Unitech	282	+3	...	2.6	68.2
11½	6	Verity	7	...	...	...	...
56	24	Vitec n	37½	...	...	1.7	15.8
365	262	Vodafone	493	+4	...	1.8	22.3
473	368	Voler	472	...	...	4.7	19.4
26	11	Western Selectn	23	...	...	...	...
250	223	Wholesale Fgts	250 †	...	...	11.7	5.0	30.8

ELECTRICITY

534	389	East Midlands	530	+11	...	4.6	9.9
545	399	Eastern Elect	545	+6	...	3.4	10.9
380	304	Hydro-Elect	371½	+4½	...	3.8	13.5
552	404	London Elect	552	+7	...	4.1	12.2
594	458	Manweb	592	+10	...	4.4	8.6
569	434½	Midlands Elec	559	+6	...	4.4	10.2
383½	273	National Power	383½	+11	...	3.5	11.4
592	440	Northern Elec	590	+5	...	4.5	8.5
172	100	Nthn Ireland	170	+3	...	7.4	5.7
583	439	Norweb	583	+14	20.0	4.3	9.0
413½	273	PowerGen	413½	+11½	...	3.2	10.8
364	285	Scottish Power	355½	+5½	...	3.9	13.2
606	436	Sedgwood	600	+7	...	4.2	9.7
616	469	Sth Wales	602	+7	...	4.6	10.0
586	426	Sth Western	558	+7	...	4.5	8.9
536	406	Southern Elec	553	+8	...	4.4	10.1
574	455	Yorkshire Elec	574	+8	...	4.4	10.8

FINANCE, LAND

69½	50	Alden Home	56	...	1.0	2.2	11.9
125	47	BWD'a	121	...	...	3.3	18.9
93	26	Baltic Pic	93	...	...	1.3	...
550	413	Caledonia	540	+12	...	3.5	20.1

FINANCIAL TRUSTS

258½	148½	Amer Express	216½	+12½	...	...	...
1100	855	Henderson Ad	1090	...	...	1.0	24.4
200	92	Investec	178	-1	...	2.1	...
244	164	Jardine Strat	229	-3	...	3.4	10.6
228	154	MAI	222	+4	6.0	3.4	16.1
695	450	MAM	685	+7	15.0	2.7	17.1
970	633	M & G	964	-2	...	2.8	25.7
348	109	Smith New Ct	315	+1

THE TIMES UNIT TRUST INFORMATION SERVICE

	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
ABBEY UNIT TRUST MANAGERS 80 Holdenhurst Rd, Bournemouth BH8 8AL 0345 717373				
Mastertrust	125.50	134.20	-3.60	1.27
International	95.70	101.80	-3.60	.30
Dividend Gth	61.26	65.16	-0.29	4.31
Global Gth Sec	63.33	67.37	+0.15	2.45
Ethical Growth	69.45	73.58	-0.38	2.41
High Inc Equity	162.90	173.20	-0.80	4.54
Worldwide Bond	267.10	283.30	-5.70	3.71
Gilts Fixed Int	135.60	143.80	+0.90	5.56
ABTRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 10 Queens Terrace, Aberdeen AB9 1QJ 0224 633070 Dealing: 0800 833580 30 Finsbury Circus, London EC2M 7QQ 071 374 6801				
Amer Inc Gth	43.84	46.26	-1.37	0.67
European	88.79	94.15	-2.92	
European Inc	85.37	90.65	-1.56	1.66
Exempt	944.80	995.50	-1.50	3.86
Extra Inc	48.70	53.11	-0.21	4.92
F East Emerg Ec	91.68	98.90	-2.20	0.66
ALLIED DUNBAR UNIT TRUSTS Allied Dunbar Centre, Swindon SN1 1EL 0793 514514 Dealing: 0793 610366				
High Inc	405.10	433.00	-1.20	3.80
Equity Inc	228.70	244.40	-0.40	3.73
High Yield	256.20	273.90	-1.50	3.74
Balanced	678.60	725.40	-7.50	2.42
American Inc	49.51	52.92	-0.60	3.12
Wld Asset Val	42.58	45.51	-0.79	0.90
Japan	213.80	227.60	+4.10	0.01
Sec of Am	407.50	433.70	-6.30	0.59
AXA EQUITY & LAW St George's Hse, Corporation St, Coventry CV1 1QD. 0203 553231				
UK Growth Acc	334.70	356.10	-3.40	2.51
-do- Inc	237.20	252.40	-2.40	2.51
Higher Inc Acc	629.00	669.20		3.50
-do- Inc	382.20	406.60	-0.40	3.50
Gilt Fxd Int Acc	187.00	197.10	+0.40	5.89
-do- Inc	95.62	100.90	+0.20	5.89
Nth America	242.90	258.50	-10.90	
Far East	319.70	340.20	-16.90	0.11
Europe	244.40	260.00	-8.80	0.92
General Inc	449.50	477.20	-11.70	2.33
-do- Acc	497.50	529.30	-7.10	2.33
Brit Excell	67.64	71.96	-0.71	2.56
Brit Endmts Inc	73.02	77.69	-1.51	4.41
Brit Endmts Acc	95.43	102.00		4.41
BARCLAYS UNICORN LTD Gredley Hse, 1-11 Broadway, London E15 081 534 5544				
Capital	111.10	118.80	-1.10	2.73
Euro Gth Inc	122.50	130.00	-3.40	0.65
Extra Inc	115.80	123.90	-0.49	4.16
General	259.70	276.60	-1.30	2.60
Gilt Fxd Inc	61.70	63.75	-0.32	7.85
Income	522.00	559.30	-2.90	3.99
BARING FUND MANAGERS PO Box 156, Beckenham, Kent BR3 4XQ 081 658 9002				
American Gth	90.73	96.37	-4.13	0.10
Amer Smllr Cos	120.10	128.50	-7.50	
Convertibles	57.09	61.06	-0.26	7.00
Eastern	201.30	216.70	-4.90	1.60
Equity Income	89.39	94.73	-0.44	5.20
European Gth	250.20	266.20	-5.00	1.50
Europe	165.40	177.00	-1.70	1.50
Exempt	87.00	89.34	-1.19	2.50
German Growth	67.48	71.61	-2.09	0.70
Global Growth	111.90	119.60	-3.90	
Japan Growth	204.80	219.10	-9.40	
Japan Sunrise	181.40	194.00	-7.80	
Portfolio	121.70	133.40	-1.80	3.20
-do- Acc	224.30	239.90	-3.30	3.20
UK Growth	88.63	94.28	-0.62	2.80
UK Smaller Cos	91.64	98.00	+0.15	1.90
Select Managers	68.40	73.09	-0.91	2.00
BRITANNIA LIFE UNIT MANAGERS LTD 190 West George St, Glasgow G2 2PA 041 332 3132				
Balan Gth Acc	111.48	119.23	-0.64	1.54
-do- Inc	101.34	108.39	-0.58	1.54
Global Bond	30.77	32.65	-0.19	5.00
High Yield Acc	59.21	63.32	-0.40	2.96
-do- Inc	42.51	45.46	-0.29	2.96
Smlr Cos Acc	103.80	111.01	-0.66	1.25
-do- Inc	95.40	102.03	+0.60	1.25
Amer Gth Acc	60.54	64.79	-2.01	
-do- Inc	59.45	63.58	-1.97	
Euro Gth Acc	112.99	120.85	-3.10	0.81
-do- Inc	110.08	118.37	-3.04	0.81
Mned P folio	38.26	40.92	-0.66	1.39
Pacific Growth	108.03	115.54	-3.79	0.02
Intl Spec Opps	99.16	106.06	-2.47	1.06
BROWN SHIPLEY 9/17 Perrymount Rd, Haywards Heath 0444 458144				
Financial	141.30	150.50	-0.30	2.78
Smaller Cos Acc	325.60	351.70	-0.40	
Smaller Cos Inc	189.40	204.60	-0.20	1.06
High Inc	77.12	82.52	-0.02	6.35
Income	139.30	149.10	-1.80	3.69
Mngd P folio Inc	98.62	105.00	-1.50	1.89
-do- Acc	187.70	199.90	-2.70	
North American	105.90	112.80	-4.00	0.19
Orient	135.60	146.10	-7.00	
Recovery	45.05	48.43	-0.17	2.31
German	45.89	49.17	-0.60	0.08
Ind Growth	35.97	38.21	-1.28	0.21
CIS UNIT MANAGERS LTD PO Box 105, Manchester M60 0AH 061 837 5060				
Environ	143.70	152.90	-1.90	1.59
UK Growth	155.90	165.90	-1.90	2.07
UK Income	133.50	142.10	-0.40	3.94
CANNON LINCOLN FUND MANAGERS 1 Olympic Way, Wembley, Middx HA9 0NB 081 902 8876				
SE Asia	92.66	99.10	-2.50	0.61
Growth	46.74	49.99	-0.56	2.80
Income	57.75	61.93	-0.31	3.61
Far East	51.21	54.77	-2.02	
North American	89.70	96.45	-5.05	
Global	91.08	97.41	-2.63	0.81
European	76.26	81.47	-3.00	0.64
Japan	119.70	126.20	-6.60	0.01
Intl Currency Bd	60.93	64.54	-1.19	5.90
UK Cap Gwth	86.19	92.18	-1.22	1.82
CAPEL-CURE MYERS UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD 35 Fountain Street, Manchester M2 2AF Enquiries: 061 236 5685 Dealing: 061 236 5362				
Capability Trusts				
American Gen	132.40	140.90	-5.50	0.10
-do- Acc	140.70	149.70	-6.00	0.10
European	69.95	74.16	-2.57	0.63
-do- Acc	72.97	77.37	-2.67	0.63
Far East Gen	67.82	72.15	-3.69	
-do- Acc	67.82	72.15	-3.69	
Smaller Cos	71.42	75.98	-0.05	1.71
-do- Acc	80.63	85.78	-0.10	1.71
Growth	403.40	431.50	-2.10	2.17
-do- Acc	699.40	748.10	-3.70	2.17
Income Growth	400.30	425.90	-1.00	3.53
-do- Acc	543.90	578.70	-1.10	3.53
Master Portfolio	10028.0	10427.0	-99.00	2.13
-do- Acc	11693.0	12146.0	-116.0	2.13
Special Sits	92.61	98.53	-0.10	2.09
-do- Acc	109.48	116.47	-0.10	2.06
Exempt Fund				
High Yield	1306.0	1347.0	-3.00	3.99
-do- Acc	1542.0	1590.0	-3.00	3.99

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CAPEL (JAMES) UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 7 Devonshire Square, London EC2M 4HU 071 955 5050 Dealing: 071 955 5055				
American Index	190.90	203.30	-6.10	1.62
Capital	570.50	608.90	-0.90	2.20
Eurotrack 100	140.00	149.10	-4.10	1.39
Euro Gth	89.73	95.70	-2.23	0.88
Far East Growth	98.26	104.90	-3.20	...
Global Bond	23.94	25.23	-0.25	5.92
Hong Kong	86.29	92.09	-0.74	0.65
Income	547.00	583.80	-0.80	3.75
Intl Growth	75.40	80.47	-2.53	0.17
Japan Growth	289.40	308.90	-13.10	
Japan Smllr Cos	37.33	39.84	-0.95	
Japan Index	83.03	88.61	-4.20	0.24
Nth American	434.10	463.30	-16.30	0.17
S pore Mly Gth	62.34	66.53	-1.70	
The Pootle Fd	113.10	119.40	-1.10	2.58
Tiger Index	155.20	165.60	-3.70	0.59
Trixie Index	113.60	121.20	+0.20	2.08
UK Index	130.80	139.60	-0.80	2.67
CAZENOVE UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 3 Copthall Avenue, London EC2R 7BH 071 606 0708				
American P folio	85.51	91.31	-1.57	1.05
European P folio	79.73	84.92	-1.45	0.98
Japanese P folio	72.54	77.16	-0.70	...
Pacific P folio	113.31	121.84	-0.54	1.00
Cazenove P folio	76.06	81.35	-0.71	2.63
UK Income Gth	69.35	74.41	-0.20	4.58
Utility & Bond	55.18	55.96	-0.09	7.00
CENTRAL BOARD OF FINANCE OF CHURCH OF ENGLAND 2 Fore Street, London EC2Y 5AQ 071 588 1815				
Investment Fd	654.95	658.15	...	4.53
Fixed Int	165.45	165.80	...	8.79
Deposit	5.60	...	...	...
CHARITIES OFFICIAL INVESTMENT FUND 2 Fore Street, London EC2Y 5AQ 071 588 1815				
Income	647.05	654.98	...	4.57
-do- Acc	2595.0	2627.0	...	...
Deposit	5.60	...	...	...
Fxd Int Inc	134.35	134.69	...	8.61
-do- Acc	184.65	185.12	...	...
CITY FINANCIAL UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD 1 White Hart Yard, London Bridge, SE1 071 407 5966				
City Fin Assets	65.98	71.47	-0.56	2.11
Beckman Intl	90.51	95.58	+0.09	2.77
Friars Hse Inc	195.99	207.40	-2.21	5.66
Friars Hse Cap	263.05	282.85	-6.84	2.58
COMMERCIAL UNION TRUST MANAGERS Exchange Court, 3 Bedford Park, Croydon CR0 2AQ. Enquiries: 081 686 2222 Dealing: 081 686 9818				
OTHER CU TRUSTS (NON PPT FUNDS)				
Deposit Fund	93.20	93.20	+0.08	5.16
Deposit Fund Acc	93.20	93.20	+0.08	5.16
Quilter Fund	128.89	137.12	-1.12	2.34
Quilter Fund Acc	144.60	153.83	-1.27	2.34
CREDIT SUISSE INVESTMENT FUNDS (UK) LTD Beaufort House, 15 St Botolph Street, London EC3A 7JJ. 071 247 4542 Dealing: 071 247 7474				
Fellowship Tst	64.90	69.04	-0.27	1.75
-do- Acc	73.16	77.53	-0.31	1.75
Income Fund 5	227.20	241.80	-1.60	3.80
-do- Acc	528.90	562.70	-3.50	3.80
Inv Portfolio	70.58	73.15	-0.99	2.01
-do- Acc	80.44	83.36	-1.13	2.01
Smaller Cos	136.30	145.40		1.16
-do- Acc	165.40	176.00	+0.10	1.16
High Inc P folio	64.60	66.94	-0.03	4.21
EAGLE STAR UNIT MANAGERS Bath Road, Cheltenham GL53 7LQ 0242 577 555				
Oriental Op Acc	91.14	96.96	-1.93	0.82
Japanese Acc	65.43	69.61	-3.21	...
UK Balncd Inc	133.80	142.30	-1.30	2.42
-do- Acc	157.70	167.80	-1.60	2.42
UK Growth Acc	217.00	230.90	-1.60	1.94
UK High Inc	145.00	154.30	-0.80	5.74
-do- Acc	175.50	186.70	-1.10	5.74
N America Acc	111.70	118.80	-5.30	0.23
European Acc	168.70	179.50	-6.60	0.39
UK Pref F/I Inc	62.84	66.65	-0.27	6.61
-do- Acc	103.40	109.70	-0.40	6.61
Intl Sp Sits Acc	49.79	52.97	-2.07	0.21
Environmntl Opp	75.52	80.34	-0.74	1.53
EDINBURGH UNIT TRUST MANAGERS Donaldson House, 97 Haymarket Terrace, Edinburgh EH12 5HD 031 313 1080				
American	112.20	119.20	-3.40	0.42
UK Smlr Cos	221.60	235.40	+0.10	1.06
Eurofund	40.55	42.93	-1.02	0.93
Mngd Exempt	178.00	185.50	-1.60	2.83
Growth Inc	226.30	240.30	-0.60	3.12
High Dist	155.10	164.80	+0.10	4.55
International	341.00	362.30	-8.20	0.90
Intl Income	86.29	92.11	-1.19	2.82
Pacific	62.29	66.19	-1.02	0.45
Smllr Jap Cos	78.05	82.93	-2.36	
Tokyo	217.60	231.20	-10.40	..
Japan Exempt	126.70	130.10	-3.30	0.38
Sm Jap Exempt	620.80	637.90	-14.70	0.08
Equity Income	128.90	137.00	-0.90	3.65
Formerly Target				
Euro Spec Sits	150.40	159.10	-1.30	0.47
Financial	45.60	48.45	-0.90	2.47
Global Opps Inc	92.69	98.48	-1.92	1.02
-do- Acc	96.08	102.10	-2.00	1.02
Gold Gen Inc	46.96	49.79	-4.09	0.60
-do- Acc	89.95	95.57	-7.83	0.60
Japan General	169.30	179.90	-6.80	..
Preference	24.14	25.65	+0.25	7.09
Worldwide Cap	209.70	222.80	-4.30	1.79
World Income	90.06	95.69	-0.69	3.11
ENDURANCE FUND MANAGEMENT 41 Harrington Gardens, London SW7 4JU 071 373 7261				
Endurance	186.10	198.00	-4.20	0.90
EQUITABLE UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD Walton St, Aylesbury, Bucks. HP21 7QW 0296 431480				
Pelican	112.38	118.29	-0.77	3.25
High Income	131.54	138.46	-0.02	4.51
Tst of Inv Tsts	165.65	174.37	+0.48	2.14
Special Sits	88.16	92.80	-2.79	2.06
North American	104.11	109.59	-3.44	0.99
Far Eastern	262.66	276.51	-3.15	1.52
Intl Growth	99.40	104.63	-2.66	1.31
European	69.22	72.86	-1.26	1.88
Smaller Cos	73.36	77.22	+0.68	1.83
FAMILY INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT LTD 16 West Street, Brighton, BN1 2RE 0273 220 707				
United Charities	243.30	258.80	..	3.50
FIDELITY INVESTMENT SERVICES LTD Oakhill House, 130 Tonbridge Rd, Tonbridge TN11 9DZ. 0800 414191				
Cash Unit Tst	100.00	100.00	..	5.40
European Tst	141.00	150.00	-1.40	
High Income	27.96	29.32	+0.06	5.64

	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
FOREIGN & COLONIAL 8th Floor, Exchange Hse, Primrose St, London EC2A 2NY. 071 628 8000				
European	99.86	105.60	-3.90	0.59
Far Eastern	144.70	155.00	-5.40	..
High Income	23.82	25.37	-0.08	10.00
Oseas Income	92.19	98.53	-2.67	3.05
UK Growth	101.40	108.40	-0.80	0.87
UK Income	109.13	116.70	-1.00	2.83
US Smaller Cos	272.40	291.30	-13.30	...
FRAMLINGTON UNIT MANAGEMENT 155 Bishopsgate, London EC2M 3FT 071 374 4100				
Amer Gth	49.90	53.07	-2.11	
-do- Acc	49.90	53.07	-2.11	...
Am Smllr Co	439.70	470.20	-22.40	...
-do- Acc	449.20	480.30	-22.90	...
Capital	304.80	324.20	-0.50	1.56
-do- Acc	424.50	451.50	-0.50	1.56
Conti Smllr Cos	50.40	54.10	-0.88	0.85
-do- Acc	52.60	56.56	-0.91	0.85
Convertible	126.60	134.60	+1.10	5.40
-do- Acc	243.20	255.50	+2.10	5.40
Emg Mark	58.95	62.98	-1.75	...
-do- Acc	58.95	62.98	-1.75	...
European	102.70	109.60	-3.10	0.63
-do- Acc	107.00	114.20	-3.20	0.63
Extra Income	318.20	338.40	+0.80	3.63
-do- Acc	455.70	484.70	-1.30	3.63
Financial	116.40	124.70	-3.10	0.13
-do- Acc	121.80	130.50	-3.30	0.13
Health Fund Inc	118.20	126.20	-4.20	...
-do- Acc	118.20	126.20	-4.20	...
Income Tst	194.40	206.70	-1.00	3.48
-do- Acc	275.50	293.00	-1.30	3.45
Intl Growth	333.90	356.90	-11.20	...
-do- Acc	370.60	396.30	-12.50	...
Japan Gen	192.70	206.00	-6.90	...
-do- Acc	194.70	208.10	-6.90	...
Mngd P folio Inc	97.19	102.30	-1.40	0.80
-do- Acc	102.30	107.60	-1.40	0.80
Monthly Income	165.10	175.60	-0.10	3.60
Qrtly Inc	53.37	56.77	-0.13	5.39
-do- Acc	54.14	57.58	-0.13	5.39
Recovery	310.30	331.80	-8.40	0.32
-do- Acc	364.50	389.70	-10.00	0.32
UK Growth	49.54	52.95	-0.66	2.34
-do- Acc	49.54	52.95	-0.66	2.34
FRIENDS PROVIDENT MANAGERS Castle Street, Salisbury, Wilts. SP1 3SH Dealing: 0722 411411 Admin: 0722 411622				
Equity Dist	369.48	393.06	-3.47	2.61
-do- Acc	754.48	802.64	-7.07	2.61
Euro Gth Dist	115.98	123.38	-3.10	0.67
-do- Acc	120.45	128.14	-3.30	0.67
Fixed Int Dist	138.95	146.98	-0.09	5.79
-do- Acc	237.95	251.69	-0.15	5.79
Intl Gth Dist	91.56	96.77	-2.84	0.60
-do- Acc	84.67	90.07	-2.97	0.60
Nth Amer Dist	169.93	180.01	-7.62	0.81
-do- Acc	185.20	196.19	-8.30	0.81
Pac Basin Dist	261.11	277.78	-11.23	0.01
-do- Acc	266.10	283.09	-11.43	0.01
Stewardship Dist	320.81	341.29	-0.31	1.82
-do- Acc	382.52	406.94	-0.38	1.82
Stwd Inc Dist	68.99	73.39	-0.34	2.97
-do- Acc	85.93	91.42	-0.33	2.97
N Am Stwd Dist	96.98	103.17	-6.27	...
-do- Acc	102.58	109.13	-6.64	...
GT UNIT MANAGERS Alban Gate, 14th Flr, 125 London Wall, Lond EC2Y 5AS. 071 710 4567 Dealing: 071 626 9431				
Am Sp Sits	137.50	147.10	-8.70	...
European	441.90	470.40	-11.70	0.90
Far East General	244.60	261.70	-7.10	0.27
Germany	110.10	116.50	-3.60	0.40
Global Assets In	73.80	78.65	-1.13	2.05
Global Assets Ac	78.03	83.16	-1.20	2.05
Income Inc	134.30	143.70	-1.30	6.13
International	304.00	324.60	-7.00	0.86
Intl Income	81.14	86.14	-2.47	4.62
Japan General	400.00	425.70	-9.00	...
Smllr Cos Div	50.62	54.14	+0.16	5.98
UK Capital Inc	177.20	189.60	+0.50	3.96
-do- Acc	305.70	327.00	-0.90	3.96
UK Spec Sits	83.59	89.41	-0.25	1.42
US General	122.40	130.40	-6.30	0.10
W'wide Spec Sits	136.90	146.10	-3.60	0.09
GARTMORE FUND MANAGERS Gartmore House, 16/18 Monument Street, London EC3R 8AJ. 071 623 1212 Dealing: 0277 264421. Services: 0800 289 336				
UK Growth Funds				
British Growth	46.63	49.87	-0.45	1.30
Cash Trust	130.23	130.23	+0.10	5.52
Pract Inv Inc	112.07	120.19	-0.24	3.82
-do- Acc	240.60	258.02	-0.52	3.82
UK Smaller Cos	110.94	119.07	+0.24	0.77
Income Funds				
Preference Share	27.85	29.79	+0.26	7.82
High Inc	34.46	36.86	+0.18	4.45
UK Equity Inc	137.36	146.80	+0.60	3.70
Global Bond	30.27	31.39	-0.46	5.70
International Funds				
Gold Intl	82.08	88.02	-7.33	0.48
Frontier Markets	47.06	50.47	-0.32	0.12
Global Inc Gth	124.20	132.58	-3.37	1.81
UK Intl	125.97	134.73	-0.50	0.33
Overseas Funds				
American	129.34	138.05	-6.22	0.45
European	88.16	93.48	-2.42	0.92
Euro Sel Opps	106.68	113.41	-3.14	0.64
American Emerg	87.99	94.36	-4.21	...
GOVETT (JOHN) UNIT MANAGEMENT Shackleton House, 4 Battle Bridge Lane, London SE1 2HR. 071 378 7979 Dealing: 071 588 0526				
Intl Growth	132.64	142.05	-4.58	0.32
American Gth	130.81	139.90	-7.14	...
European Gth	72.28	77.30	-1.96	0.61
Japan Gth	83.96	89.79	-4.15	...
Greater China	145.79	155.92	-4.34	2.85
Pacific Strategy	135.53	144.95	-3.91	0.30
UK Prog Inc	79.41	83.51	-0.31	4.69
British Growth	51.71	54.50	+0.50	2.47
UK Small Cos	47.20	50.49	-0.16	1.81
GRE UNIT MANAGERS 36 Harbour Exchange Sq, London E14 9GE 071 538 9668				
Cash	132.60	132.60	+0.10	4.67
Gilt Fixed	130.90	138.90	-1.50	5.01
Growth Equity	309.80	330.90	-2.30	1.92
Guardhill	454.30	485.30	-1.80	2.00
Income Trust	116.50	124.40	-0.20	3.29
International	165.80	177.10	-6.10	0.01
Japan Trust	130.60	139.50	-7.10	...
Nth American	258.30	275.90	-11.40	0.37
Pacific	413.10	441.30	-10.30	...
European	385.20	411.50	-9.00	0.16
HALIFAX STANDARD TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD PO Box 600, Edinburgh EH15 1EW 0800 838868				
Global Adv Inc	36.86	39.08	-0.66	1.53
-do- Acc	38.85	41.19	-0.69	1.53
Inc Adv Inc	30.75	32.60	-0.19	3.79
-do- Acc	32.55	34.51	-0.20	3.79
HAMBROS UNIT TRUST MANAGERS 5 Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex Enquiries: 0277 227300 Dealing: 0277 690900				
Canadian	79.30	84.96	-4.24	0.67
Equity Income	120.90	128.50	-0.20	3.13
European	141.00	149.20	-4.90	0.90
Intl Situation	79.69	83.71	-2.43	
Japanese	146.00	154.90	-5.20	..
North American	94.34	100.20	-5.20	0.02
Scandinavian	126.80	134.00	-3.00	
Smaller Cos	32.50	34.57	-0.18	1.76

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HENDERSON PO Box 2157, Kings House 101-135 Kings Road, Brentwood Essex CM14 4ET Enq: 0277 263290 Dealing: 0277 234772				
Amer Smaller	92.55	98.93	-3.87	...
Asian Enterprise	139.56	149.24	-4.27	0.40
European	407.92	431.63	-12.11	0.69
European Inc	74.86	79.20	-1.92	2.41
Euro Smll Co	128.28	136.52	-3.33	0.57
Extra Income	277.00	294.89	+0.12	4.52
Faculty of Funds	75.33	80.33	-1.38	0.53
Global Bond	58.40	62.36	+0.05	6.64
High Inc	314.95	336.66	-0.45	3.74
Income Gth	257.00	273.70	+0.06	3.19
-do- Acc	664.79	707.99	+0.16	3.19
International	238.60	254.61	-8.89	0.51
Japan Spec Sit	255.00	271.43	-9.31	...
Japan	220.98	235.44	-10.75	...
N Amer	218.20	232.33	-9.14	...
Pacific Smllr Cos	206.91	220.11	-7.36	0.25
Pref Gth	49.30	52.09	+0.27	7.67
Smaller Cos Div	184.24	197.32	+0.13	3.73
Special Sits	278.40	297.89	-1.30	1.58
-do- Acc	431.62	461.83	-1.57	1.58
Best of British	59.54	63.67	-0.87	2.29
Henderson TR				
Euro Spec Sits	50.54	53.86	+0.75	0.73
-do- Acc	53.52	57.03	-0.79	0.73
Global Tech	134.86	144.30	-4.78	...
Smaller Cos	78.80	84.31	-0.12	1.55
Special Opps	116.84	125.62	+0.46	1.23
HILL SAMUEL UT MANAGERS NLA Tower, Addiscombe Road Croydon 081 686 4355				
British	91.86	98.24	-0.30	2.12
Capital	160.80	171.90	-2.90	1.81
Dollar	311.70	333.30	-12.60	0.01
European	209.30	223.80	-9.30	0.57
Far East	255.30	273.00	-8.11	0.24
Financial	777.70	831.70	-2.80	1.80
Gilt Fxd Int Inc	27.69	28.76	+0.15	7.19
High Yield	109.80	117.40	-1.00	4.17
Income	146.10	154.10	-1.10	3.10
Intl	221.60	237.00	-8.20	0.18
Japan Tech	74.43	79.60	-3.84	...
Nat Resources	58.91	63.00	-3.67	0.45
Security	313.70	335.30	-3.60	1.83
Smaller Cos	120.10	128.40	-2.20	1.11
Special Sits	145.10	155.10	-1.00	1.51
US Smaller Cos	71.72	76.70	-4.50	...

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INVESCO FUND MANAGERS LTD 11 Devonshire Square, London EC2M 4YR 071 626 3434. Dealing: 0800 010733				
UK Specialist Trusts				
Smaller Cos	27.54	29.44	+0.12	1.11
Special Features	29.99	31.86	+0.06	1.66
-do- Acc	35.41	37.62	-0.08	1.65
General Funds				
UK Growth	56.99	60.90	-0.27	1.75
Assets Earnings	74.49	79.14	-0.52	1.84
do Acc	88.89	94.44	-0.63	1.84
Managed Invest	92.90	99.14	-2.46	1.11
Rupert Children	79.17	84.42	-0.75	2.04
High Income Funds				
Cashbox	50.19	50.19	+0.04	4.55
Extra Inc	86.38	92.30	+0.17	4.96
Gilt	29.47	31.04	+0.16	6.15
Income Gth	41.31	44.07	-0.17	3.46
Mimstar	81.13	82.92	-0.31	7.52
Preference	18.83	20.00	-0.15	6.50
UK Income	330.70	353.00	-1.90	3.13
Sector Specialist Funds				
Fincl Sec	64.25	68.26	-0.15	1.17
Property Shares	71.63	76.99	-0.62	1.62
Exempt Funds				
Exempt	154.70	162.30	+0.10	4.23
European Acc	123.30	130.70	-4.10	1.47
European Dist	116.20	123.20	-3.90	1.47
Overseas Growth Funds				
American Gth	47.97	51.02	-2.45	1.09
European Perf	125.90	133.60	-3.50	0.50
-do- Acc	129.90	137.80	-3.60	0.50
Euro Small Cos	23.64	25.12	-0.43	0.48
French Growth	71.24	75.77	-1.80	0.34
-do- Acc	76.11	80.94	-1.93	0.34
Hong K/China	74.03	78.65	-1.21	1.63
Intl Growth	54.21	57.59	-2.17	0.59
-do- Acc	54.21	57.59	-2.17	0.59
Japan Perf	35.70	37.94	-1.98	...
Accum Units	35.70	37.94	-1.98	...
Japan Smllr Cos	40.49	43.00	-1.51	...
Singapore Asean	92.48	98.25	-2.75	0.20
-do- Acc	93.13	98.95	-2.75	0.20
South East Asia	254.40	270.30	-5.70	0.56
US Smllr Cos	105.50	112.00	-4.50	...
-do- Acc	106.60	113.20	-4.60	...
Overseas Income Funds				
Global Inc	88.94	94.82	-1.96	2.46
Intl Bond	58.12	58.90	-1.60	6.01
KLEINWORT BENSON UNIT TRUST LTD 10 Fenchurch Street, London EC3 071 956 6600. Dealing: 071 956 7354				
Income Trusts				
Extra Income	55.26	58.79	+0.34	6.59
Cond Euro Gth	54.85	57.74	-1.85	1.15
-do- Acc	58.00	61.06	-1.95	1.15
Extra Inc	256.90	273.30	-1.00	3.30
-do- Acc	635.10	675.70	-2.60	3.70
German Gth	112.30	118.30	-3.20	0.09
-do- Acc	117.80	124.00	-3.40	0.09
Growth Port	514.20	542.10	-5.40	0.29
-do- Acc	514.20	547.10	-5.40	0.29
Income	483.00	513.90	+5.20	3.34
-do- Acc	1239.0	1319.0	+12.00	3.34
Income Port	513.80	546.60	-0.30	4.01
-do- Acc	521.40	554.70	-0.30	4.01
Japan Growth	105.90	112.70	-3.70	0.01
-do- Acc	106.30	113.10	-3.80	0.01
Master Trust	54.39	57.87	-0.97	1.25
-do- Acc	59.88	63.71	-1.07	1.25
N American Gen	185.10	197.00	-7.60	0.01
-do- Acc	213.90	227.60	-8.70	0.01
NAm Sm Co Rec	137.00	145.80	-12.10	0.01
-do- Acc	139.80	148.80	-12.30	0.01
Pacific Basin	222.20	236.40	-2.10	0.57
-do- Acc	234.90	249.90	-2.10	0.57
Small Cos Rec	327.80	345.10	-10.20	2.42
-do- Acc	426.90	449.40	-13.30	2.42
UK Growth	82.46	87.73	+0.78	2.29
-do- Acc	97.10	103.30	+0.80	2.29
Worldwide Gth	291.40	310.00	-14.10	0.17

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Gilt Yield	124.00	130.90	+0.60	6.89
Global Income	211.40	224.80	-0.40	3.89
High Yield	144.70	153.90	+0.10	5.42
Smllr Cos Div	52.25	55.59	-1.64	3.53
Capital Growth Trusts				
Amer Smllr Cos	90.70	96.50	-4.31	...
North American	74.69	79.46	-3.01	0.42
European	138.30	147.10	-4.70	1.52
Euro Special	83.95	89.31	-1.28	1.40
General	275.20	292.80	-3.00	3.05
Japan	450.00	478.70	-14.40	...
Japanese Special	257.70	274.10	-0.10	...
Master Acc	228.90	243.50	-3.50	1.27
Pacific	288.60	307.00	-6.40	0.52
Smaller Cos	107.00	113.80	+1.20	1.48
LAS UNIT TRUST MANAGERS 163 Dundas St, Edinburgh EH3 5EB 031 550 5151				
European	78.99	84.03	-2.14	0.93
Extra Income	25.49	27.12	-0.04	3.38
Far East	29.21	31.07	-1.53	0.75
Income Gwth	75.74	80.57	-0.67	2.71
Intl Growth	54.04	57.49	-1.90	0.65
Japan	68.23	72.59	-3.38	...
Maximum Dist	100.20	102.20	-0.10	6.91
N Amer Equity	38.12	40.55	-1.86	0.26
UK Equity	91.78	97.64	-0.56	2.88
LAURENCE KEEN UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT 1 White Hart Yard, London SE1. 071 407 5966				
Income Gth Inc	54.74	58.24	-0.36	4.29
LEGAL & GENERAL UT MANAGERS 5 Rayleigh Road, Hutton, Brentwood Essex Enq: 0277 227300. Dealing: 0277 690395				
Equity Dist	445.30	473.70	-4.60	2.61
Equity Acc	858.40	913.20	-8.90	2.60
Equity Income	99.73	106.10	+0.10	4.22
European	101.90	108.40	-3.10	1.66
Far Eastern	197.90	210.50	-8.50	...
Fixed Interest	55.89	59.42	-0.41	5.87
Gilt	97.52	103.40	+0.70	5.90
Global Growth	70.77	75.30	-3.00	0.45
Intl Bond	56.72	60.26	-1.55	4.71
Japanese	73.68	80.51	-3.68	...
Overseas Equity	103.50	110.10	-4.50	0.05
Pacific Gth	93.04	98.98	-3.72	0.46
LLOYDS BANK UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD Mountbatten Hse, Chatham, Kent ME4 4JF 0634 834393				
Balanced	331.40	352.60	-3.10	2.68
-do- Acc	727.90	774.40	-6.70	2.68
LONDON & MANCHESTER Winslade Park, Exeter EX5 1DS 0392 282673				
General	82.34	88.35	-0.43	2.60
Income	65.21	69.97	+0.10	4.90
International	59.32	63.65	-2.12	0.70
American	59.08	63.39	-2.83	0.30
Japan	57.61	61.81	-2.48	...
Tst of Inv Trusts	63.12	67.73	-0.07	1.60
M & G SECURITIES LTD Victoria Rd, Chelmsford CM1 1FB Customer Services/Unit Dealing: 0245 390390				
American Gen	378.00	399.70	-18.60	0.89
-do- Acc	467.00	493.80	-22.10	0.89
American Rec	412.20	435.90	-25.60	0.23
-do- Acc	472.30	499.40	-28.40	0.23
Am Sm Co Acc	122.90	129.90	-7.50	..
Australia Acc	164.10	173.50	-6.70	1.12
Capital	726.70	768.50	-2.80	2.16
-do- Acc	811.60	858.30	-3.20	2.16
Commodity Acc	433.50	458.60	-28.90	0.93
Compnd Gth	892.60	944.00	...	2.48
Dividend	38.70	40.90	-0.20	3.93
-do- Acc	153.30	162.10	-0.80	3.93
Equity Inc	325.90	344.60	-0.30	4.42
European Div	64.10	67.80	-0.60	3.71
-do- Acc	74.20	78.40	-0.80	3.71
European Gen	428.70	453.40	-8.70	0.88
-do- Acc	538.50	569.50	-11.00	0.88

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Extra Yield	405.50	428.80	-7.30	4.02
-do- Acc	1211.0	1281.1	+6.00	4.02
Far Eastern	320.40	339.40	-9.10	0.46
-do- Acc	423.30	447.80	-12.00	0.46
Fund of Inv	560.90	593.20	-1.80	1.94
-do- Acc	1023.2	1082.0	-3.00	1.94
General	58.00	61.30	-0.10	3.38
-do- Acc	153.00	164.00	-0.30	3.38
Gilt Fxd Int	66.53	66.62	+0.52	7.01
do Acc	168.62	168.84	+1.33	7.01
Gold	50.10	53.00	-6.90	0.98
-do- Acc	58.80	62.30	-8.10	0.98
High Inc	27.40	29.00	...	4.07
-do- Acc	103.80	109.70	-0.40	4.07
Intl Growth	71.20	75.30	-2.60	0.68
-do- Acc	123.20	130.40	-4.50	0.68
Intl Inc	97.50	103.10	-2.20	4.39
Japan Gen Acc	53.80	57.60	-2.40	...
Japan Smllr Cos	162.10	171.50	-5.00	...
Midland	60.70	64.20	+0.10	2.92
-do- Acc	194.30	205.70	+0.30	2.92
Recovery	39.60	41.90	...	2.40
-do- Acc	63.00	66.70	...	2.40
Second Gen	67.60	71.50	-0.20	3.20
-do- Acc	167.50	177.20	-0.60	3.20
MARKS & SPENCER UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD PO Box 410, Chester X, CH99 9QG 0244 681066				
Inv Port Inc	144.10	154.10	-1.70	1.90
-do- Acc	161.50	172.70	-1.90	1.90
UK Income	122.00	130.50	+0.10	2.31
-do- Acc	137.90	147.40	...	2.31
MARTIN CURRIE UNIT TRUSTS LTD Saltire Court, 20 Castle Terrace, Edinburgh EH1 2ES. 031 229 5252				
Emerg Mkts	88.72	94.89	-3.05	0.42
Far East	144.50	153.40	-4.60	0.16
Income Growth	75.97	80.65	-0.78	3.21
European	74.65	79.25	-1.89	1.09
Nth American	96.28	99.75	-3.40	0.46
UK Growth	82.29	87.36	+0.14	1.97
Intl Growth	99.85	106.00	-4.10	0.34
Charities	115.50	122.60	-0.10	3.06
Intl Income	70.86	75.22	-0.47	4.11
Japan	58.35	61.94	-1.45	...
MERCURY FUND MANAGERS LTD 33 King William St, EC4R 9AS. 071 280 2860				
American	186.20	198.00	-10.40	...
-do- Acc	199.00	211.50	-11.20	...
Cash	100.70	100.70	+0.10	5.96
-do- Acc	130.80	130.80	+0.10	5.96
Emg Mkts Acc	96.72	104.00	-1.70	...
European Gth	207.80	220.30	-6.70	0.72
-do- Acc	223.40	236.90	-7.20	0.72
General	490.00	522.70	-2.10	2.31
-do- Acc	937.50	1000	-4.00	2.31
Global Dist	131.30	139.10	-2.90	5.25
-do- Acc	148.10	155.70	-3.20	5.25
Income	148.20	157.90	-0.50	4.32
-do- Acc	220.10	234.50	-0.80	4.32
International	407.30	433.00	-14.10	0.64
-do- Acc	541.70	577.00	-18.70	0.64
Japan Acc	201.50	213.40	-6.90	...
New Europe	152.50	162.70	-2.30	1.59
-do- Acc	155.00	165.30	-2.40	1.59
Recovery	307.30	327.80	-1.50	2.74
-do- Acc	388.20	414.70	-2.40	2.74
European Inc	77.28	81.97	-1.26	2.98
-do- Acc	100.10	106.10	-1.60	2.98
Brit Blue Chip	76.15	81.08	-0.32	3.11
-do- Acc	89.81	95.63	-0.41	3.11
Portfolio	78.01	82.99	-0.85	2.73
-do- Acc	88.70	94.36	-0.96	2.73
Gold General	118.90	127.80	-14.00	0.73
-do- Acc	121.60	130.80	-14.30	0.73
Pacific	99.75	106.40	-2.10	0.79
-do- Acc	106.00	113.10	-2.20	0.79
MIDLAND UNIT TRUSTS LTD PO Eyre Street, Sheffield, S1 3RD Dealing: 0742 529 200 Enquiries: 0742 529 076				
Balanced Dist	59.48	63.62	-0.58	2.56
-do- Acc	60.40	64.60	-0.59	2.56
British Dist	79.99	85.55	-0.70	2.03
-do- Acc	90.55	96.84	-0.79	2.03
European Gth	184.40	197.20	-4.60	0.02
-do- Acc	231.60	247.70	-5.80	0.02
Euro High Inc	73.73	78.86	-0.16	5.40
-do- Acc	131.90	141.10	-0.20	5.40
FT-SE 100 Index	50.42	53.93	-0.63	2.58
-do- Acc	51.17	54.73	-0.64	2.58
Gilt Fixed Int	58.42	60.82	-0.24	6.50
-do- Acc	156.10	164.60	+0.70	6.50
High Yield	238.50	251.90	+0.30	4.38
-do- Acc	553.10	591.50	-0.30	4.36
Income	293.60	314.00	-1.10	3.10
-do- Acc	620.90	663.80	-2.47	3.10
Japan Gth	364.80	390.20	-19.90	...
-do- Acc	385.00	411.80	-21.00	...
Mandarin Acc	105.80	113.20	-4.00	0.79
MORGAN GRENFELL INVESTMENT FUNDS LTD 20 Finsbury Circus, London EC2M 1UT Dealing: 071 826 0826 Enquiries: 071 826 0823				
American Gth	272.90	290.20	-11.00	...
Deposit Inc	99.90	99.90	-0.24	4.96
Deposit Acc	123.73	123.73	+0.09	4.96
Euro Gth Acc	315.00	336.10	-4.50	...
Europa	137.40	147.10	-1.30	...
Intl Gth	176.30	188.30	-6.90	...
Japan Tracker	80.02	84.78	-4.70	...
UK Equity Inc	165.20	177.50	+1.10	3.73
-do- Acc	202.60	217.70	+1.40	3.73
UK Ind Tracker	149.50	160.40	-1.30	3.07
US Eq Ind Trkr	188.00	199.40	-8.10	1.48
-do- Acc	200.00	212.10	-8.70	1.48
Asian Trader	175.80	190.50	-5.00	0.43
MURRAY JOHNSTONE UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT 7 West Nile St, Glasgow G2 2PX. 0345 090 933				
American Inc	165.50	169.40	-6.50	1.81
European	65.03	66.22	-1.42	1.57
Olympiad	59.15	60.67	-1.40	0.14
Global Bond	49.02	49.56	-0.06	6.07
Smaller Cos	72.03	75.34	+0.83	1.39
Equity Income	96.21	98.78	-0.50	5.00
UK Growth	87.29	89.99	-0.23	1.70
NM UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD The Hilton Centre, North Harbour, Portsmouth. Enquiries: 0705 372222 Dealing: 0705 387730				
American Acc	46.42	49.51	-2.26	1.21
Australian Acc	309.30	331.80	-10.80	...
Conscience	64.96	69.30	-0.10	1.29
-do- Acc	70.10	74.81	-0.09	1.29
European	177.60	188.90	-6.40	0.91
-do- Acc	191.10	203.20	-6.90	0.91
Extra Income	75.64	80.72	+0.18	5.50
-do- Acc	117.20	125	+0.30	5.50
Far East Gth	176.90	189	-5.30	0.03
Gilt Fxd Inc	60.75	64.11	+0.32	6.18
Gold	42.50	45.69	-5.12	...
-do- Acc	45.77	49.21	-5.51	...
Income	55.14	58.81	-0.17	4.80
-do- Acc	168.80	180	-0.50	4.80
International	30.75	32.98	-1.10	0.67
-do- Acc	44.18	47.38	-1.60	0.67
Jap Sm Cos Acc	366.70	391.10	-11.20	...
S pore Mly Acc	217.70	233.40	-6.70	...
Smlr Cos Acc	26.79	28.80	+0.06	0.78
N&P UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 35 Fountain St, Manchester M2 2AF 061 237 5522				
N&P UK Growth	70.03	74.51	-0.15	2.62
N&P Glt Fxd Int	78.90	83.50	+0.21	5.51
N&P Higher Inc	215.00	228.80	-0.40	4.49
N&P UK Income	108.10	115.10	-0.30	3.46

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N&P Intl	91.98	97.84	-1.15	1.77
N&P Smaller Cos	79.81	84.91	+1.23	1.50
NEWTON FUND MANAGERS 71 Queen Victoria St, London EC4V 4DR 071 407 4404				
General	173.66	184.75	-3.17	2.02
Global	308.12	327.79	-7.15	3.06
Growth	114.23	121.52	-1.17	1.93
Income	214.88	228.60	-1.56	2.70
Intl Bond	135.76	144.16	-1.46	6.76
PEARL UNIT TRUST LTD PO Box 598, Peterborough PE2 6BR 0733 470470. Dealing: 0800 626577				
Growth	146.10	155.70	-0.50	2.41
-do- Acc	259.80	272.40	-0.90	2.41
Income	234.00	249.90	-1.20	3.26
Intl Equity	230.60	245.30	-8.80	0.72
-do- Acc	254.00	270.20	-9.80	0.72
Equity	228.40	242.90	-1.40	2.30
-do- Acc	468.20	498.00	-2.90	2.30
UK Intl 25 Acc	73.45	78.14	-1.00	1.78
UK Income	64.08	68.16	-0.15	2.80
UK Smllr Co Acc	84.39	89.77	+2.22	1.34
New Europe Acc	65.01	69.16	-2.07	0.95
PERPETUAL UNIT TRUST 48 Hart Street, Henley on Thames 0491 417000				
Asian Smllr Mkt	101.76	108.84	-0.94	0.10
PEP Growth	109.20	114.06	-1.70	1.18
Intl Gth	519.67	555.80	-7.67	0.32
Income	334.27	357.51	+0.48	2.86
W'wide Recov	330.91	353.92	-5.32	0.27
American Gth	212.00	226.74	-6.89	0.01
Intl Emerg Cos	202.00	216.05	-1.60	0.11
Far East Gth	237.89	254.43	-3.12	0.01
European Gth	124.08	132.71	-2.37	0.99
UK Growth	83.64	89.46	-0.25	2.49
High Income	90.50	96.80	-0.04	4.07
Japanese Gth	227.26	241.71	-6.82	0.01
PROLIFIC UNIT TRUST MANAGERS Walbrook Hse, 23 Walbrook, London EC4N 8LD. Dealing: 0800 262443				
International	184.20	195.90	-5.80	0.66
High Income	115.60	123.00	-1.60	3.44
Conv Gilt	116.80	124.30	-0.40	5.52
Far East	325.10	345.80	-19.30	0.06
Global Inc Acc	33.04	35.15	-1.49	4.86
PROSPERITY UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT 1 Sessions Hse Sq, Maidstone, Kent ME14 1XX. 0622 674751				
American	50.47	53.69	-2.41	0.20
Emerging Mkts	73.06	77.72	-1.67	0.50
General	49.83	53.01	-0.46	3.03
International	87.52	93.11	-3.39	1.29
Gilt Units	27.57	28.42	+0.08	7.00
Global PEP	37.30	39.68	-0.69	1.95
Income Gth	70.15	74.63	+0.58	4.39
European	46.47	49.44	-1.65	0.61
Gilt/Fixed Int	27.19	28.93	+0.19	5.40
PRUDENTIAL UNIT TRUSTS LTD 51/59 Ilford Hill, Ilford, Essex IG1 2DL 081 478 3377. Enquiries: 071 911 4490 Intermediary Dealing: 071 911 4314 Pricebank: 0426 925091				
Pru Mngd Tst	32.89	35.17	-0.77	1.51
Pru Csh Hvn Inc	101.15	101.65	+0.08	4.70
-do- Acc	106.33	106.85	+0.08	4.79
Pru Equity	697.42	745.90	-1.42	2.42
Pru Equity Inc	85.17	91.09	+0.84	4.30
Pru European	187.04	200.04	-4.51	0.87
Pru Global Gth	82.62	88.36	-1.84	1.21
Pru High Inc	90.20	96.47	-1.53	4.46
Pru Intl	166.25	177.80	-5.55	1.04
Pru Intl Sm Co	71.78	76.74	-2.82	0.61
Pru Japanese	208.30	222.78	-11.67	...
Pru Nth Amer	145.82	155.95	-6.58	0.80
Pru Pacific Mkt	82.04	87.74	-3.03	1.05
Pru Premr Inc	52.49	54.64	+0.20	4.95
Pru Smllr Cos	87.13	93.18	+0.04	2.15
Pru Spec Sits	102.78	109.92	-1.10	2.28
Pru UK Grwth	113.94	121.86	-1.20	2.36
ROTHSCHILD FUND MANAGEMENT St Swithin's Lane, London EC4N 8NR Dealing: 071 634 2861/4				
FA Income	164.09	175.37	-1.61	3.43
FA Japan	280.32	308.91	-11.39	...
FA Maj UK Cos	95.83	102.33	-1.28	2.45
FA America Inc	499.30	531.80	-22.30	0.90
-do- Acc	581.83	619.83	-25.98	0.90
FA Smllr UK Cos	282.59	305.66	-2.58	1.51
FA European	269.29	285.40	-6.33	1.23
SAVE & PROSPER GROUP 16-22 Western Rd, Romford RM1 3LB 0708 766966 or 0800 282101 (IFAs only)				
Amer Inc Gth	72.33	76.68	-2.79	3.68
Capital Units	150.20	159.80	-3.00	1.08
Commodity	101.50	108.00	-9.00	1.13
European Gth	168.80	179.60	-4.50	1.09
Financial Sec	184.00	195.70	-0.80	1.30
High Return	224.30	238.60	-0.20	3.52
High Yield	221.60	235.70	+1.30	3.70
Income Units	116.10	123.50	+0.20	4.46
Investment	192.40	204.70	-0.10	1.03
Japan Gth	167.70	178.40	-3.00	...
Japan Smaller	195.00	208.40	-6.10	...
Masterfund	49.31	52.46	-0.95	0.86
Scotbits	274.20	291.70	+5.50	1.41
Scotshares	270.00	287.20	+0.70	2.38
Scotyields	232.60	247.40	+1.20	3.82
Select Intl	132.90	141.40	-5.40	0.58
Smaller Cos	243.60	259.20	+0.30	3.52
Special Situation	114.90	122.20	+0.30	0.64
UK Equity	234.20	249.10	-0.70	2.64
US Growth	137.80	146.60	-5.80	0.27
SCHRODER UNIT TRUSTS LTD Senator House, 85 Queen Victoria St, London, EC4V 4EJ. Client Enc: 0800 526 535 Broker Enc: 0800 526 540				
American	233.17	248.15	-3.97	0.57
-do- Acc	252.63	268.86	-4.30	0.57
Australian	130.05	138.71	-3.45	0.33
-do- Acc	153.80	164.05	-4.08	0.33
UK Enterprise	232.13	247.60	-0.86	2.12
-do- Acc	271.26	289.34	-1.01	2.12
European Gth	64.50	69.06	-2.11	1.21
-do- Acc	67.41	71.73	-2.19	1.21
Euro Smllr Cos	60.69	64.65	-0.70	0.59
-do- Acc	61.10	65.09	-0.80	0.59
Far Eastern Gth	75.78	80.83	-3.03	...
-do- Acc	77.01	82.14	-3.07	...
Fixed Interest	55.37	58.39	+0.26	5.78
-do- Acc	69.58	73.33	+0.30	5.78
Gilt Income	108.25	114.10	+0.56	7.04
-do- Acc	155.37	163.75	+0.80	7.04
Income	338.40	360.99	+0.90	3.88
-do- Acc	1016.9	1084.7	+1.48	3.88
Japan Enterprise	70.63	75.33	-2.66	...
-do- Acc	70.63	75.33	-2.66	...
Japan Smllr Cos	503.91	537.50	-10.37	...
-do- Acc	504.92	538.58	-10.38	...
Pacific Gth	102.12	108.92	-2.27	0.09
-do- Acc	105.15	112.15	-2.34	0.09
Smaller Cos	204.97	218.63	+1.28	0.82
-do- Acc	237.07	252.87	+1.49	0.82
Tokyo	115.99	123.20	-4.28	...
-do- Acc	116.76	124.53	-4.33	...
UK Equity	224.93	239.92	-1.05	2.50
-do- Acc	422.28	450.43	-1.96	2.50
US Smllr Cos	139.32	148.60	-4.13	...
-do- Acc	139.32	148.60	-4.13	...
World Fd	74.23	79.17	-1.18	1.69
-do- Acc	78.90	84.16	-1.25	1.69
SCOTTISH AMICABLE UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD 150 St Vincent St, Glasgow G2 5NQ 041 204 2200				
Equity Income	49.25	52.45	-0.45	3.72
Equity Strategy	66.39	70.71	-0.57	1.04
European Opps	77.18	82.20	-2.34	3.22

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Maximum Inc	96.17	100.71	+0.10	5.38
UK Smaller Cos	58.50	62.40	+0.24	1.33
SCOTTISH LIFE INVESTMENTS 19 St Andrew Sq, Edinburgh 031 225 2211				
UK Equity	360.60	385.00	-4.80	2.72
American	249.50	264.90	-9.20	0.73
Pacific	353.80	378.40	-14.30	0.55
European	479.80	513.20	-12.90	1.07
Worldwide	95.06	98.97	-2.57	1.07
SCOTTISH MUTUAL INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT 109 St Vincent St, Glasgow G2 5HN 041 248 6100				
UK Equity	314.90	335.10	-3.30	2.72
UK Sm Cos Eqty	223.00	237.30	+1.90	1.53
European	351.40	373.90	-11.10	1.58
North American	255.40	271.60	-12.70	0.59
Income Plus Inc	70.17	74.65	-0.30	3.75
UK Spec Sits	73.23	77.91	+0.95	2.45
SCOTTISH PROVIDENT INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT LTD 6 St Andrew Sq, Edinburgh EH2 2YA 031 558 2341/2/3				
Equity Gth Acc	27.28	29.20	-0.18	2.74
Intl Growth Acc	30.51	32.66	-1.23	1.02
Market Intx Acc	27.25	29.17	-0.42	2.74
FOR SGTR TRUSTS SEE HENDERSON				
SINGER & FRIEDLANDER INVESTMENT FUNDS LTD 21 New Street, Bishopsgate, London EC2M 4HR 071 626 6226				
European	104.70	...	-2.40	...
Global Bond	106.50	...	+0.50	7.07
Japan Samurai	99.74	...	-3.16	..
UK Growth	102.60	...	+0.10	3.87
STANDARD LIFE TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 3 George St, Edinburgh EH2 2XZ 0800 393777				
Managed	46.63	49.55	-0.87	1.46
Equity Gth Acc	64.77	68.82	+0.36	1.04
UK Eq General	44.10	46.86	-0.48	2.06
-do- Acc	58.24	61.88	-0.63	2.06
European Acc	43.95	46.70	-1.29	0.74
Far East Acc	59.75	63.49	-2.08	0.26
Gilt Fxd Int Inc	33.54	35.47	+0.36	5.73
N American Acc	42.60	45.27	-1.72	0.64
O/s Lgr Cos Acc	290.30	315.00	-10.60	1.21
UK Eq High Inc	38.23	40.62	-0.10	3.50
-do- Acc	45.40	48.24	-0.12	3.50
UK Lgr Cos Inc	307.00	333.20	-3.00	3.64
UK Lgr Cos Acc	399.80	433.80	-3.90	3.64
STATE STREET UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD Birchin Court, 20 Birchin Lane, London EC3V 9AQ. 071 626 1977				
Global A	N$283.77	N$284.00	-0.01	1.33
US Eq	$2.189	$2.325	-0.03	1.15
Far East Eq	Y252.6	Y268.3	-2.00	...
Japan Eq	Y256.7	Y272.7	+3.30	...
FT Europe	118.80	126.20	-2.70	2.07
FT North Am	$1.748	$1.853	-0.02	1.29
FT Japan	Y250.8	Y266.4	-1.20	...
FT Asia Ex Jap	$2.074	$2.208	+0.01	1.39
STEWART IVORY UNIT TRUST MANAGERS 45 Charlotte Sq, Edinburgh 031 226 3271				
American	340.20	363.20	-11.70	0.33
British	995.80	1053.60	-1.80	3.87
European	423.30	450.80	-4.70	1.30
Japan	156.80	166.40	-3.60	...
New Pacific	317.60	338.20	-9.70	0.97
Mngd Cash	96.06	96.06	+0.06	5.17
Majority Stg	100.26	101.26	+0.07	4.84
Inv Tst	205.00	217.30	+1.40	1.65
Saints PPP	403.80	425.00	...	...
SUN ALLIANCE Admin. 5 Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Essex 0277 227300 Dealing: 0277 690389				
Equity Acc	774.70	828.60	-6.60	2.72
N America Acc	118.20	126.40	-5.30	0.20
Far East Acc	132.80	142.00	-4.60	0.26
W wide Bond	63.13	67.02	-0.73	5.20
European	89.02	95.21	-3.28	0.49
Equity Income	88.49	94.64	-1.03	3.67
SUN LIFE OF CANADA Basingview, Basingstoke, Hants RG21 2DZ Dealing: 0256 841414				
American Gth	33.16	35.47	-1.50	0.48
Managed Assets	124.62	133.29	-1.71	2.84
UK Income	39.06	41.80	-0.32	2.73
UK Growth	38.40	41.08	-0.44	2.08
Worldwide Gth	32.28	34.53	-1.11	0.51
TSB UNIT TRUSTS LTD Charlton Place, Andover, Hants. SP10 1RE 0264 346794				
American	211.36	224.84	-8.63	...
-do- Acc	232.79	247.65	-9.50	...
British Gth	90.73	96.52	-1.03	1.84
-do- Acc	106.70	113.51	-1.27	1.84
European	102.73	109.29	-1.88	0.71
-do- Acc	109.18	116.15	-2.00	0.71
Extra Inc	196.75	209.31	-1.73	3.89
-do- Acc	321.26	341.77	-2.81	3.89
General Unit	274.24	291.75	-2.49	2.38
-do- Acc	547.81	582.78	-4.98	2.38
Income	344.85	366.86	-0.33	3.45
-do- Acc	716.59	762.33	-0.73	3.45
International	499.89	531.80	-18.05	0.24
-do- Acc	654.40	696.17	-23.64	0.24
Pacific	362.12	385.23	-8.48	...
-do- Acc	380.49	404.78	-8.79	...
Premier Income	54.49	56.76	+0.23	6.55
-do- Acc	115.22	120.02	+0.48	6.55
THORNTON UNIT MANAGERS LTD Swan House, 33 Queen St, London EC4R 1AX 071 246 3000 Dealing: 071 246 3003				
Amer Sml Cos	68.63	73.20	-4.64	...
-do- Acc	70.79	75.50	-4.77	...
European Opps	64.44	68.42	-1.96	0.43
-do- Acc	65.10	69.14	-1.96	0.43
WAVERLEY UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 13 Charlotte Sq, Edinburgh EH2 4DJ 031 225 1551				
Australian Gold	17.14	18.23	-1.79	0.50
Pacific Basin	34.45	36.64	-0.89	0.60
Canadian Gth	35.27	37.52	-1.05	..
Global Bond	$0.988	$1.029	+0.02	6.69
Penny Share	26.75	28.45	-1.55	1.50
WHITTINGDALE UNIT TRUST MANAGERS 2 Honey Lane, London EC2V 8BT 071 606 3132				
City Reserve	53.29	53.30	+0.04	4.88
Gilt Growth	73.38	76.26	+0.31	...
Gilt Income	55.09	57.26	+0.13	7.25
Short Dtd Gilt	111.60	113.00	+0.10	...
US Govmnt Bd	$0.719	$0.729	0.00	...
Challenger	98.79	101.10	-1.40	...
WOOLWICH UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD 2 White Oak Square, Swanley BR8 7AG 081 298 4000				
Stockmarket Fd	71.97	76.56	-0.42	1.82

Source: Finstat

* Yield expressed as CAR (Compound Annual Return); † Ex dividend; ‡ Middle price; ... No significant data.

FT-SE VOLUMES

ASDA Gp	1,600	Cadbury	515	MB Cardn	351	Scot Power	1,600
Abbey Natl	4,500	Carlton Cms	651	Marks Spr	2,900	Sears	2,700
Allid-Lyons	1,400	Coats Vly	2,600	NFC	1,400	Svrn Trent	1,200
Anglian W	1,100	Cm Union	1,000	NatWst Bk	3,100	Shell Trans	4,400
Argyll Gp	1,400	Courtaulds	4,900	Nat Power	2,000	Siebe	627
Arjo Wiggn	2,300	De La Rue	646	Nth Wst W	3,100	SmKl Bch	3,300
AB Foods	61	Enterpr Oil	1,700	Nthrn Fds	4,900	Smith Nph	703
BAA	2,000	Forte	2,900	P & O	2,600	Std Chartd	59
BAT Inds	2,200	GRE	3,000	Pearson	1,000	Sun Allnce	917
BOC	540	GUS A	485	PowerGen	3,100	TI Gp	281
BP	3,900	Gen Acc	468	Prudential	2,000	TSB	4,900
BT	6,500	Gen Elec	3,200	RMC	274	Tate & Lyle	2,800
BTR	12,000	Glaxo	10,000	RTZ	2,300	Tesco	782
Bk of Scot	910	Granada	775	Rank Org	821	Thames W	2,100
Barclays	1,400	Grand Met	1,700	Reckitt Col	1,300	Thrn EMI	850
Bass	1,700	Guinness	1,100	Redland	533	Tomkins	2,900
Blue Circle	2,600	HSBC	1,400	Reed Intl	609	Unilever	1,000
Boots	729	Hanson	13,000	Rentokil	986	Utd Bisc	1,900
Bowater	2,700	ICI	1,000	Reuters	736	Vodafone	2,200
Brit Aero	4,300	Inchcape	430	Rothmans	401	Warburg (SG)	115
Brit Airwys	2,100	Kingfisher	1,000	Ryl Ins	1,600	Wellcome	412
Brit Gas	5,800	Ladbroke	1,400	Ryl Bk Scot	904	Whitbd 'A'	1,200
Brit Steel	4,200	Land Secs	2,100	Sainsbury	540	Wllms Hld	3,500
Burmah Cast	160	Legal & Gn	1,000	Scot Hydro	573	Wolseley	96
Cable Wire	947	Lloyds Bk	2,300	Scot & New	95	Zeneca	3,100

MAJOR INDICES

New York (midday): Dow Jones 3600.95 (+11.46); S&P Composite 459.08 (-1.58)

Tokyo: Nikkei Avge 20917.98 (-7.60)

Hong Kong: Hang Seng 7593.45 (+6.69)

Amsterdam: CBS Tendency 124.3 (-0.2)

Sydney: AO 2041.5 (+10.1)

Frankfurt: DAX 1861.44 (-19.37)

FT 30 share: 2365.4 (-1.4)

Brussels: General 6739.35 (+26.13)

Paris: CAC n/a

Zurich: SKA Gen 550.20 (-6.30)

London: FT A All-Share 1511.39 (-2.88); FT 500 1629.60 (-2.16); FT Gold Mines 157.7 (-2.6); FT Fixed Interest 124.94 (-0.10); FT Govt Secs 102.64 (+0.10); Bargains 27518; SEAQ Volume 596.0m; USM (Datastrm) 145.42 (+0.46)

TRADITIONAL OPTIONS

First Dealings	Last Dealings	Last Declaration	For Settlement
August 23	September 10	November 25	December 6

Call options were taken out on 10/9/93: Alliance Res, Aminex, BTR, Mirror Group, Monument Oil & Gas, P&P, Wembley.

Puts: Halma, Proteus Intl.

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Period	Open	High	Low	Close	Volume
FT-SE 100	Sep 93	3039.0	3049.0	3033.0	3040.5	9374
Previous open interest: 57275	Dec 93	3056.5	3068.5	3056.5	3062.0	2485
Three Month Sterling	Sep 93	94.04	94.06	94.04	94.04	5120
Previous open interest: 372212	Dec 93	94.35	94.39	94.32	94.38	35753
	Mar 94	94.56	94.62	94.54	94.61	9362
Three Mth Eurodollar	Sep 93	96.78	96.78	96.77	96.80	376
Previous open interest: 15363	Dec 93	96.47	96.51	96.45	96.54	185
Three Mth Euro DM	Sep 93	93.47	93.48	93.44	93.45	17723
Previous open interest: 692056	Dec 93	94.07	94.08	94.01	94.04	54342
Long Gilt	Sep 93	113-24	113-28	113-22	114-05	739
Previous open interest: 95096	Dec 93	113-21	114-04	113-16	114-01	40362
Japanese Govmt Bond	Dec 93	111.70	111.75	111.35	111.56	3970
	Mar 94				110.71	0
German Gov Bd Bund	Dec 93	98.30	98.50	98.16	98.49	68809
Previous open interest: 151029	Mar 94	98.27	98.49	98.27	98.49	13
German Gov Bd Bobl	Dec 93	101.24	101.27	101.16	101.26	1194
Previous open interest: 14622	Mar 94					0
Three month ECU	Sep 93	92.37	92.42	92.32	92.39	1157
Previous open interest: 32631	Dec 93	93.43	93.45	93.35	93.38	912
Euro Swiss Franc	Sep 93	95.28	95.30	95.28	95.29	2181
Previous open interest: 57784	Dec 93	95.58	95.59	95.55	95.59	3585
Italian Govmt Bond	Dec 93	114.30	114.33	113.73	114.22	26330
Previous open interest: 57162	Mar 94	113.80	113.85	113.70	113.92	75

MONEY MARKETS

Exchange index compared with 1985 was down at 81.3 (day's range 81.3-81.5).

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

Mkt Rates for Sept 10	Range	Close	1 month	3 month
Amsterdam	2.7793-2.7932	2.7793-2.7827	par-[illegible]ds	[illegible]ds
Brussels	52.89-55.17	52.95-53.23	19-29ds	56-73ds
Copenhagen	10.2280-10.2960	10.2280-10.2670	4[illegible]-5[illegible]ds	11[illegible]-13[illegible]ds
Dublin	1.0650-1.0685	1.0654-1.0680	6-10ds	20-27ds
Frankfurt	2.4744-2.4869	2.4744-2.4776	[illegible]ds	[illegible]ds
Lisbon	252.93-254.64	253.17-254.11	103-114ds	308-337ds
Madrid	199.58-200.82	199.78-200.69	67-80ds	202-224ds
Milan	2387.00-2401.00	2387.00-2390.90	5-8ds	17-20ds
Montreal	2.0303-2.0383	2.0303-2.0332	0.28-0.19pr	0.47-0.33pr
New York	1.5460-1.5495	1.5475-1.5485	0.37-0.35pr	1.05-1.02pr
Oslo	10.8240-10.8720	10.8340-10.8480	[illegible]ds	[illegible]ds
Paris	8.6960-8.7490	8.6960-8.7190	[illegible]ds	2[illegible]-3[illegible]ds
Stockholm	12.1630-12.2430	12.1630-12.2030	[illegible]ds	4[illegible]-6[illegible]ds
Tokyo	163.67-164.84	164.57-164.84	[illegible]pr	1[illegible]-1[illegible]pr
Vienna	17.39-17.52	17.40-17.44	[illegible]ds	2-4ds
Zurich	2.1510-2.1785	2.1510-2.1540	[illegible]pr	[illegible]pr

Source: Extel. Premium - pr. Discount - ds.

OTHER STERLING

Argentina peso*	1.5469-1.5495
Australia dollar	2.3833-2.3867
Bahrain dinar	0.578-0.590
Brazil cruzeiro*	166.00-166.35
Cyprus pound	0.755-0.765
Finland markka	8.7495-8.8655
Greece drachma	354.0-361.0
Hong Kong dollar	11.9583-11.9676
India rupee	48.29-49.25
Kuwait dinar KD	0.459-0.469
Malaysia ringgit	3.9306-3.9348
Mexico peso	4.75-4.85
New Zealand dollar	2.8076-2.8146
Saudi Arabia riyal	5.747-5.873
Singapore dollar	2.4689-2.4721
S Africa rand (fin)	7.4720-7.5078
S Africa rand (com)	5.2628-5.2687
U A E dirham	5.6255-5.7495

Barclays Bank GTS * Lloyds Bank

DOLLAR SPOT RATES

Australia	1.5389-1.5401
Austria	11.25-11.26
Belgium (Com)	34.15-34.30
Canada	1.3138-1.3148
Denmark	6.62-6.64
France	5.62-5.63
Germany	1.601-1.602
Hong Kong	7.7375-7.7385
Ireland	1.4500-1.4525
Italy	1542.5-1544.0
Japan	106.4-106.5
Malaysia	2.5433-2.5443
Netherlands	1.7965-1.7975
Norway	7.006-7.016
Portugal	163.6-164.1
Singapore	1.5975-1.5985
Spain	129.1-129.6
Sweden	7.88-7.90
Switzerland	1.3955-1.3965

MONEY RATES (%)

Base Rates: Clearing Banks 6 Finance Hse 6

Discount Market Loans: O/night high: 6[illegible] Low 4[illegible] Week fixed: 5[illegible]

Treasury Bills (Dis)-Buy: 2 mth 5[illegible]; 3 mth 5[illegible]. Sell: 2 mth 5[illegible]; 3 mth: 5[illegible].

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Prime Bank Bills (Dis):	5[illegible]-5[illegible]	5[illegible]-5[illegible]	5[illegible]-5[illegible]	5[illegible]-5[illegible]	
Sterling Money Rates:	5[illegible]-5[illegible]	5[illegible]-5[illegible]	5[illegible]-5[illegible]	5[illegible]-5[illegible]	
Interbank:	5[illegible]-5[illegible]	5[illegible]-5[illegible]	5[illegible]-5[illegible]	5[illegible]-5[illegible]	5[illegible]-5[illegible]

Overnight: open 5[illegible], close 7.

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Local Authority Deps:	5[illegible]	n/a	5[illegible]	5[illegible]	5[illegible]
Sterling CDs:	5[illegible]-5[illegible]	5[illegible]-5[illegible]	5[illegible]-5[illegible]	5[illegible]-5[illegible]	5[illegible]-5[illegible]
Dollar CDs:	3.08	n/a	3.12	3.23	3.41
Building Society CDs:	5[illegible]-5[illegible]	5[illegible]-5[illegible]	5[illegible]-5[illegible]	5[illegible]-5[illegible]	5[illegible]-5[illegible]

TREASURY BILLS: Applicts: £808m allotted: £200m; Bids: £98.71% received: 50%: Last week: £98.715% received: 40%: Avge rate: £5.1561%; last wk £5.1336%: Next week: £200m.

EUROPEAN MONEY DEPOSITS (%)

Currency	7 day	1 mth	3 mth	6 mth	Call
Dollar:	3-2[illegible]	3[illegible]-3[illegible]	3[illegible]-3[illegible]	3[illegible]-3[illegible]	3[illegible]-2[illegible]
Deutschemark:	6[illegible]-6[illegible]	6[illegible]-6[illegible]	6[illegible]-6[illegible]	6[illegible]-6[illegible]	7-6
French Franc:	7[illegible]-7[illegible]	7[illegible]-7[illegible]	7[illegible]-7[illegible]	6[illegible]-6[illegible]	8-7
Swiss Franc:	5-4[illegible]	4[illegible]-4[illegible]	4[illegible]-4[illegible]	4[illegible]-4[illegible]	5-4
Yen:	3-2[illegible]	2[illegible]-2[illegible]	2[illegible]-2[illegible]	2[illegible]-2[illegible]	3[illegible]-2[illegible]

GOLD AND PRECIOUS METALS (Baird & Co)

Bullion: Open $354.20-354.60 Close: $350.00-350.50 High: $356.00-356.55 Low: $348.00-348.50 Krugerrand: $349.50-351.50 (£225.00-227.00)

Sovereigns: Old $81.50-83.50 (£52.00-54.00) New $81.50-83.50 (£52.00-54.00)

Platinum: $358.25 (£231.65) Silver: $4.12 (£2.655) Palladium: $120.25 (£77.75)

LIFFE OPTIONS

		Calls			Puts		
	Series	Oct	Jan	Apr	Oct	Jan	Apr
Alld Lyons	550	7	60	68	5	12	19
(*560)	600	14	29	38	31	38	39
Argyll	300	23	30	36	4	10	14
(*317)	330	9	15	22	19	25	30
ASDA	57	11	—	—	1	—	—
(*65)	67	3	—	—	5	—	—
Boots	460	44	51	61	4	11	16
(*499)	500	16	26	37	17	25	33
Br Airways	360	17	30	38	23	25	29
(*354)	390	6	17	25	37	41	46
BP	280	25	31	35	4	7	10
(*291)	300	11	18	24	9	15	17
Br Steel	110	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	6	12	13
(*112)	120	3	9	11	13	15	19
C & W	900	51	60	43	5	22	29
(*875)	950	21	11	56	30	44	51
CU	550	48	—	—	4	—	—
(*)	625	14	—	—	21	—	—
ICI	650	46	68	—	7	14	—
(*692)	700	19	29	25	42	52	67
Kingfisher	650	2	41	54	22	33	37
(*)	700	5	19	31	57	64	56
Land Sec	650	26	45	59	10	23	29
(*665)	700	7	19	31	40	51	56
M & S	390	15	24	32	11	17	21
(*392)	420	4	12	18	31	35	38
Nat West	460	31	45	57	5	14	22
(*483)	500	9	23	28	25	32	43
Sainsbury	460	31	43	52	7	15	21
(*)	500	9	22	31	27	36	4
Shell	650	12	29	35	19	28	37
(*652)	700	2	11	16	61	62	69
Smkl Bch	390	36	47	56	5	15	20
(*)	420	18	31	40	15	29	34
Storehse	220	15	22	26	5	11	14
(*225)	240	5	12	16	16	22	27
Trafalgar	101	7	—	—	5	—	—
(*105)	110	3	7	9	11	14	15
Unilever	1050	55	58	70	21	35	47
(*1087)	1100	13	34	46	52	64	74
Zeneca	700	37	56	68	16	27	46
(*722)	750	13	33	44	45	57	73

	Series	Oct	Feb	May	Oct	Feb	May
Grnd Met	420	19	30	37	11	25	26
(*429)	460	4	13	22	38	49	52
Ladbroke	200	9	18	20	12	17	23
(*201)	220	3	10	13	27	31	39
Utd Bisc	360	17	30	37	14	23	31
(*365)	390	6	17	21	35	41	50

		Calls			Puts		
	Series	Nov	Jan	Apr	Nov	Jan	Apr
BAA	800	45	54	69	17	26	32
(*814)	850	19	29	40	43	52	58
Thames W	500	54	57	65	4	7	11
(*546)	550	17	25	34	22	27	31

	Series	Nov	Feb	May	Nov	Feb	May
BAT Ind	450	21	33	—	15	22	—
(*451)	475	10	22	—	31	36	—
BTR	360	29	37	36	5	12	16
(*380)	390	5	17	21	21	27	31
Br Aero	420	37	55	60	27	41	49
(*425)	460	19	37	46	51	65	72
Br Telcm	390	37	42	48	3	9	10
(*419)	420	15	23	30	12	21	25
Cadbury	460	26	36	47	12	19	28
(*470)	500	9	19	21	34	43	51
Guinness	460	32	47	53	12	18	27
(*473)	500	12	25	32	33	41	49
GEC	330	21	26	33	7	12	13
(*340)	360	6	13	14	24	29	29
Hanson	240	19	23	25	4	8	11
(*252)	260	5	13	15	13	18	21
LASMO	130	14	19	22	8	17	14
(*135)	140	9	14	19	13	17	19
Lucas	140	22	25	26	4	7	9
(*157)	160	9	12	19	13	16	19
Pilkngtn	140	24	27	29	2	4	8
(*158)	160	12	17	19	9	16	17
Prudential	330	14	23	26	17	17	24
(*)	360	4	10	12	35	37	42
Redland	500	51	62	69	11	16	31
(*542)	550	22	35	43	34	39	50
Royal Ins	288	37	40	—	4	8	—
(*312)	317	14	23	—	16	21	—
Tesco	200	24	30	22	4	7	11
(*219)	220	11	18	21	12	16	21
Vodafone	460	50	54	68	11	19	24
(*)	500	26	36	46	27	35	43
Williams	330	14	23	27	16	21	23
(*)	360	5	12	15	38	41	47

FT-SE INDEX (*3030)

	2900	2950	3000	3050	3100	3150
Calls						
Sep	144	95	46	12	2	5
Oct	155	113	75	44	23	11
Nov	174	135	100	69	46	29
Dec	192	155	121	91	67	47
Jan	203	—	200	—	147	—
Puts						
Sep		1	5	24	68	118
Oct	10	18	30	51	81	123
Nov	21	33	48	66	96	131
Dec	33	46	42	72	110	142
Jan	54	—	121	—	169	—

		Calls			Puts		
	Series	Sep	Dec	Mar	Sep	Dec	Mar
Abby Nat	390	10	27	36	2	12	27
(*399)	420	1	13	21	22	29	36
Amstrad	35	4	6	8	1	2	3
(*38)	40	1	4	5	3	5	5
Barclays	500	8	31	42	3	17	28
(*505)	550	1	10	22	47	50	57
Blue Circ	280	5	17	25	4	17	23
(*280)	300	1	5	19	22	30	39
Br Gas	330	4	13	21	3	16	20
(*330)	360	1	4	12	31	37	43
Dixons	220	15	27	27	1	9	15
(*234)	240	2	15	23	9	19	25
Forte	220	17	24	31	1	6	14
(*235)	240	2	10	20	7	18	24
Hillsdwn	160	10	15	19	1	9	12
(*167)	180	1	6	11	14	22	25
Lonrho	110	10	16	20	1	5	8
(*119)	120	2	10	15	2	9	12
Sears	110	7	12	12	1	4	6
(*116)	120	1	5	8	4	10	11
Thrn Eml	950	22	59	73	2	27	32
(*971)	1000	2	35	48	36	53	65
Tomkins	220	10	20	25	1	6	13
(*227)	240	1	10	15	14	19	23
TSB	200	4	15	19	2	9	14
(*203)	220	1	7	11	22	21	27
Wellcome	700	35	65	84	2	27	44
(*733)	750	4	37	58	26	58	66

	Series	Sep	Dec	Apr	Sep	Dec	Apr
Glaxo	600	47	60	79	2	23	30
(*630)	650	7	37	55	17	59	76
HSBC	700	13	47	64	7	37	52
(*706)	750	1	21	42	49	58	96
Reuter	1550	16	98	127	17	66	95
(*1554)	1600	2	67	102	59	92	121

	Series	Sep	Dec	Feb	Sep	Dec	Feb
R-Royce	137	13	19	22	0	5	8
(*148)	150	4	9	13	10	17	19

	Series	Oct	Dec	Mar	Oct	Dec	Mar
Fisons	160	15	18	24	5	9	13
(*168)	180	4	8	15	15	21	25

	Series	Nov	Feb	May	Nov	Feb	May
Eastn Elc	500	55	62	68	2	9	12
(*545)	550	22	32	37	19	29	31

	Series	Sep	Dec	Mar	Sep	Dec	Mar
Natl Pwr	360	23	32	39	1	7	12
(*382)	390	2	15	23	12	21	25
Scot Pwr	350	6	21	—	2	19	—
(*354)	390	1	5	9	37	37	40

September 10, 1993 Tot: 21645 Calls: 14689 Puts: 7256 FT-SE Calls: 3517 Puts: 2477

*Underlying security price.

COMMODITIES

COMMODITIES REPORT: London cocoa was unable to sustain it's earlier run during late trade, slipping back on a less enthusiastic New York market, while coffee only just managed to cling onto a very small part of it's earlier gains. Coffee was also well below it's highs, to end just in the plus column. Sugar continued to head higher with New York.

LONDON COMMODITY EXCHANGE

COCOA

Sep	830-826	Dec	923 SLR
Dec	856-855	Mar	937 SLR
Mar	881-880	May	947 SLR
May	891-890	Jul	959 SLR
Jul	900 BID		
Sep	909-907		Volume: 8199

ROBUSTA COFFEE ($)

Sep	1372-1370	May	1266-1262
Nov	1308-1306	Jul	unq
Jan	1282-1280	Sep	unq
Mar	1268-1266		Volume: 6134

RAW SUGAR (FOB)

		Dec	unq
Spot: unq		Mar	—
May	unq	May	—
Aug	—	Aug	—
Oct	—		Volume: 0

WHITE SUGAR (FOB)

Reuters		May	274.9-72.5
Spot: n/a		Aug	280.6-77.9
Oct	273.0-70.0	Oct	271.6-66.9
Dec	270.0-67.0	Dec	273.6-67.3
Mar	271.1-69.0		Volume: 901

MEAT & LIVESTOCK COMMISSION

Average fatstock prices at representative markets on September 10

(p/kg lw)	Pig	Sheep	Cattle
GB:	65.48	80.27	124.56
(+/-)	-3.31	-2.07	-2.90
Eng/Wales:	65.48	80.20	124.36
(+/-)	-3.31	-2.09	-3.48
(%)	+10.3	-37.9	-39.6
Scotland:	n/a	82.93	127.35
(+/-)	n/a	-1.06	+3.21
(%)	n/a	-46.5	-55.5

LONDON MEAT FUTURES

Live Pig (/kg)

	Open	Close		Open	Close
Aug	unq	—	Mar	unq	—
Sep	unq	—			Volume: 0

GNI LONDON GRAIN FUTURES

WHEAT (close £/t)

Sep	100.50
Nov	102.20
Jan	104.70
Mar	106.25
May	108.45
	Volume: 268

BARLEY (close £/t)

Sep	100.65
Nov	102.90
Jan	104.65
Mar	106.75
May	107.85
	Volume: 34

HI-PRO SOYA (close £/t)

Aug	unq
Oct	—
Dec	—
Feb	—
Apr	—
	Volume: 0

POTATO

(£/t)	Open	Close
Nov	unq	80.0
Apr	82.0	100.0
May	94.0	94.5
		Volume: 49

RUBBER

No 1 RSS Cif (p/kl)

Oct 60.25-60.75

ICIS-LOR (London 6.00pm): In a panic to liquidate length before the weekend, sellers became even more aggressive.

CRUDE OILS ($/barrel FOB)

Brent Physical	15.40	-0.35
Brent 15 day (Sep)	15.45	-0.30
Brent 15 day (Oct)	15.75	-0.30
W Texas Intermediate (Oct)	16.75	-0.35
W Texas Intermediate (Nov)	17.10	-0.35

PRODUCTS ($/MT)

Spot CIF NW Europe (prompt delivery)

	Bid	Offer
Premium Gas .15	184 (-2)	186 (-2)
Gasoil EEC	157 (-2)	157 (-3)
Non EEC 1H Oct	160 (-2)	161 (-1)
Non EEC 1H Nov	162 (-2)	163 (-2)
3.5 Fuel Oil	59 (-1)	61 (-1)
Naphtha	148 (-3)	150 (-2)

IPE FUTURES GNI Ltd

GAS OIL

Sep	n/a	Dec	160.25-60.50
Oct	156.25-56.50	Jan	162.25-60.50
Nov	158.00-58.25	Feb	162.25-62.75
			Vol: 21174

BRENT (6.00pm)

Oct	15.70-15.73	Jan	16.35 SLR
Nov	15.95-15.97	Feb	16.43 BID
Dec	16.14-16.17		Vol: 49011

UNLEADED GASOLINE

Sep	n/a	Dec	170.00 SLR
Oct	167.00-69.00	Jan	n/a
Nov	171.00 SLR		Vol: 195

BIFFEX GNI Ltd ($10/pt)

	High	Low	Close
Sep 93	1445	1445	1446
Oct 93	1500	1490	1495
Nov 93	1500	1500	1490
Jan 94	1500	1490	1497

Vol: 109 lots. Open int'st: 3012 Index 1412 +3

LONDON METAL EXCHANGE Rudolf Wolff

(Official) (Volume prev day)	Cash	3mth	Vol
Copper Gde A ($/tonne)	1947.0-1949.0	1895.0-1896.0	197285
Lead ($/tonne)	382.50-383.00	397.50-398.00	60675
Zinc Spec Hi Gde ($/tonne)	875.50-876.00	891.00-891.50	265725
Tin ($/tonne)	4532.0-4533.0	4585.0-4590.0	5880
Aluminium Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1115.0-1116.0	1135.0-1135.5	1317775
Nickel ($/tonne)	4580.0-4585.0	4640.0-4641.0	40896

Television pulls strings to players' cost

FROM STUART JONES
TENNIS CORRESPONDENT
IN NEW YORK

THE US Open, a tennis tournament designed solely for television, today reaches the heights of absurdity. Ever since it was expediently relocated from Forest Hills here to Flushing Meadow, the beginning of the second weekend has, typically, earned the brash title "Super Saturday". For armchair viewers, perhaps.

For the players who have toiled in the oppressive heat, the distracting noise and the chaotic disorganisation and advanced to the later stages, it is known more appropriately as "Stupid Saturday". The concept, based on the contract negotiated with CBS, is plainly a nonsense.

The programme starts and ends with a men's semi-final. In between, two women, who have no idea when they will be required on the stadium court, compete in the final. At no other tournament of such standing could the principle participants be forced to undergo such an imposition.

The schedule was once even *more inconvenient*. The proceedings used to open with the veteran's doubles final until 1986 when John Newcombe and Fred Stolle, to demonstrate the sheer lunacy of the plan, deliberately extended their match. Some sense then prevailed.

Nobody could claim that the leading tennis players endure a hard life. They are generally pampered and cosseted wherever they go by sycophantic organisers, agents and assistants. They also receive excessively lavish rewards for their work but in the US Open, as Martina Navratilova noted this week, they are "paid to suffer".

Can it be right, though, that the women finalists have to wait for anything between one and five hours before releasing their adrenalin? Can it be right that the men finalists resume so quickly — tomorrow afternoon, but only after the end of the American football game televised live on the CBS channel?

Ask John McEnroe. The holder in 1985, he came through a protracted five-set semi-final against Mats Wilander and could offer only token resistance after the first set against Ivan Lendl the following day. Ask Pete Sampras. Last year, after finishing his semi-final at 10pm, he complained of acute dehydration.

He had to be put on a saline drip and, to nobody's surprise, subsequently went down to Stefan Edberg. The temperature has mercifully dropped, reducing the prospect of another man being wheeled in on a hospital bed to challenge for the richest prize, $535,000 (about £360,000), in grand slam history.

It promises to be claimed by Sampras. In any other circumstances, he would be considered virtually certain to do so but the championship, battered throughout by criticism from every quarter, has been distinguished by bizarre results. Consequently, the 22-year-old second seed from California has been left in the company of comparative unknowns.

Sampras has collected as many titles this year as the other three have between them in their careers. The Americans, who had nobody to follow in the last eight of the women's singles for the first time since the championship was inaugurated in 1881, should at least ultimately have cause to celebrate.

If Sampras performs as he did against Michael Chang in the quarter-finals (his coach, Tim Gullikson, and Ilie Nastase have both hailed the last two sets as the finest exhibition they have ever seen), the title is sure to be his again. In 1990, aged only 19 years and 28 days, he became the youngest US champion.

He plays Alexander Volkov, the fourteenth seed from Russia. They have met nine times before and Sampras leads the series 7-2. Wally Masur, an unseeded 30-year-old Australian who has been wandering around the outback of the professional tour for more than a decade, meets Cedric Pioline, a Frenchman who has never won an event, in the other semi-final.

Before the women's semi-finals yesterday, one title was decided. Ken Flach and Rick Leach, the twelfth seeds, became the doubles champions when they beat Martin Damm and Karel Novacek.

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Pioline, of France, hits a ball into the crowd after defeating Medvedev, the Ukrainian, to reach the semi-finals of the US Open

RESULTS FROM FLUSHING MEADOW

MEN'S SINGLES: Quarter-finals: W Masur (Aus) bt M Larsson (Swe), 6-2, 7-5, 7-5.
MEN'S DOUBLES: Semi-finals: M Damm and K Novacek (Cz) bt S Lareau (Can) and L Paes (India), 3-6, 6-1, 6-4. Final: K Flach and R Leach (US) bt M Damm and K Novacek (Cz), 6-7, 6-3, 6-2.
JUNIOR BOYS' SINGLES: Second round (selected results) J Delgado (GB) bt R Kokavec (Can), 7-6, 6-3; A Stenman (Swe) bt H Koll-Frafjord (Nor), 6-2, 6-2; B Ellwood (Aus) bt J Stoces (Cz), 6-4, 6-4; N Godwin (SA) bt S Schalken (Holl), 7-5, 7-6; J Roddick (US) bt D Van Scheppingen (Holl), 7-6, 6-1; T Johansson (Swe) bt W Boich (US), 6-3, 6-2; J Greenhalgh (NZ) bt B J Stearns (US), 6-2, 6-3, C Santoso (Can) bt S Humphries (US), 7-6, 6-3, E Jacques (US) bt J-N Grinda (Fr), 6-3, 7-6, R Wassen (Holl) bt J E Herrera (Mex), 7-6, 6-3; M Rios (Chile) bt E Lin (US), 6-4, 3-6, 6-1.
JUNIOR GIRLS' SINGLES: Second round (selected results): E Jelfs (GB) bt S Nickitas (US, 6-7, 6-3, 6-2, N Louarsabishvily (Geo) bt J Pullin (GB), 4-6, 7-6, 6-1.

SPORT IN BRIEF

Road challenge for British champions

THE top two track pursuiters in Britain, Graeme Obree, the world champion, and Chris Boardman, the Olympic gold medal-winner, make their first appearances in professional road cycling in Brussels tomorrow (Peter Bryan writes). They compete in the Eddy Merckx individual time trial, a 62km race (39 miles) which makes two circuits of the Belgian capital and finishes at the Anderlecht football stadium.

Obree will ride the home-made machine on which he became world champion in Norway last month and, as then, has opted for a single fixed gear of 116 inches on the grounds that the circuit includes only modest climbs. Specialist time trial riders in Europe all fit a range of up to ten gears.

Boardman, who will start two minutes ahead of the Scot, will use a conventional frame and derailleur gears. He feels a shade below his best, but is more concerned with peaking for the Grand Prix des Nations in France next month.

Rangers take on Leafs

ICE HOCKEY: The New York Rangers and the Toronto Maple Leafs meet at Wembley Arena today and tomorrow in the French's Challenge, marking the second year in a row that two National Hockey League teams have played in Britain (Norman de Mesquita writes). The games are virtually sold out, but ticket sales could have been better if the British Ice Hockey Association had not planned a full domestic programme for the weekend. Some supporters might just be able to rush from Wembley to a domestic game, but the scheduling precludes any British players from being there. The Rangers have a new coach, Mike Keenan, whom the players will want to impress, and Toronto will try to prove that their success last season was not a fluke.

S Africa ease to victory

CRICKET: South Africa defeated Sri Lanka by an innings and 208 runs before lunch on the fourth day of the second Test in Colombo yesterday. Resuming at 49 for four, Sri Lanka were dismissed for 119. Brett Schultz, 23, the left-arm fast bowler, took four for 58 and was named man of the match. South Africa lead the three-match series 1-0.

☐ Terry Alderman, 37, the Australian bowler who played 41 Tests and thrived during the Ashes series of 1981 and 1989, announced his retirement from first-class cricket yesterday. He was recently dismissed as coach of Western Australia.

Nicklin nets hat-trick

HOCKEY: England defeated Egypt 5-1 in pool A of the junior World Cup tournament in Terrassa, Spain, yesterday, to secure maximum points from two matches, but a semi-final place will depend on good results against Holland and Germany. After taking a 2-0 lead yesterday, with goals by Nicklin and Woods, England gave away a soft goal. Nicklin then converted a penalty and added another goal. The final goal came from Woods. England's women lost 4-2 to Germany, but not before two well-taken goals by Lucy Culliford and Joanne Green in the second half.

Xinhua faces the best

TABLE TENNIS: The England No 1, Chen Xinhua, will play Jan-Ove Waldner, the Olympic champion, and Zoran Primorac, the World Cup winner, in the European Masters Cup in Hanover today. The former Chinese international is in his best physical condition since helping China win the world team title six years ago. Jonathan Taylor, who made his European League debut for England in the doubles in the 4-1 win over Poland on Tuesday, was due to compete, with Matthew Syed, in the singles last night in the friendly match against France.

Roberts in contention

WATER SKIING: Three Britons qualified for the jump final at the world championships in Singapore yesterday. Philippa Roberts, of Manchester, finished almost a metre ahead of Nicola Huntridge and Corinna Williams, who produced identical scores for the second time in the competition with jumps of 35.5 metres, which put them in tenth place. In her bid for overall honours, Roberts is looking to increase her distance in the finals. The British men were less fortunate, Jodi Fisher and Paul Studd missing the qualifying mark by less than a metre.

Surrey survive burst of Flower's power

THE OVAL (final day of three): Surrey drew with the Zimbabweans

WHILE Andy Flower, the Zimbabwean captain, was sailing under full steam, it looked as though his team would cruise past the target of 273 from 59 overs set by Surrey's declaration (Jack Bailey writes). Flower's 82 from 106 balls was a scintillating left-hander's innings which defied all attempts to contain it, as his 13 fours bear witness.

With Alistair Campbell, Flower put on 92 in 24 overs and Zimbabwe were on course. But the loss of four overs to rain threw them out of their stride. Both were out within three overs of the resumption and although Houghton and Briant continued the chase, the odd shower descended to make the task nigh impossible; there was also tight bowling from Butcher, producing four wickets, which forced the visitors to settle for a draw.

Earlier, Surrey — 114 for six overnight — declared shortly after lunch with nine wickets down, having added 75 runs. Early attempts to force the pace went awry and they were compelled to bat after the interval in order not to make a gift of the match to a young Zimbabwean team which won many friends.

Resolute Russell makes his point

BY ALAN LEE
CRICKET CORRESPONDENT

BRISTOL (second day of four): Nottinghamshire, with all first-innings wickets in hand, are 262 runs behind Gloucestershire

JACK Russell will know next Wednesday whether England are to resurrect his international career after making do without him for 12 Tests, but his county future is secure any time he wishes to sign a new five-year deal. His bargaining position on both fronts was reinforced yesterday, in the batting guise that England sadly underrate.

Gloucestershire settled the captaincy on Courtney Walsh on Thursday, heading off the threat of an unwanted departure. It was also announced that Russell would become vice-captain, though Russell himself has yet to agree to the offered terms beyond next summer's benefit season.

That he will re-sign should be as much of a formality as his selection to tour the Caribbean. Yesterday's innings was a suitable audition — a pitch offering steep bounce and a quartet of bowlers eager to exploit it.

Russell batted for almost four hours, his technique against the short ball sure if inelegant, and dragged Gloucestershire to the luxury of a declaration. He has made 749 runs in the championship this season, almost 200 more than a man in the opposition, also hoping for a recall next week, Chris Lewis.

There was some genuinely quick bowling from Lewis here but much of it was *misguidedly short*, especially while Walsh and Russell added 86 for Gloucestershire's eighth wicket.

Lewis has taken only 36 championship wickets at 34 apiece. Without his double-century against Durham last week, his batting figures would be still more modest.

He, as much as anyone, was in Graham Gooch's mind back in June when he questioned the "mental fibre" of certain England players and, for all his obvious talent, he has provided no compelling reason for inclusion in the tour party.

SCOREBOARD

GLOUCESTERSHIRE: First Innings
B C Broad b Lewis 21
G D Hodgson b Pick 13
R I Dawson b Pick 30
S G Hinks c French b Cairns 8
M W Alleyne b Cairns 49
T H C Hancock c French b Lewis 11
†R C Russell not out 69
M C J Ball c French b Cairns 0
*C A Walsh c French b Bates 35
K E Cooper b Lewis 5
Extras (b 5, lb 8, w 1, nb 22) 36
Total (9 wkts dec, 112.1 overs) 277
A M Babington did not bat
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-26, 2-50, 3-63, 4-105, 5-122, 6-181, 7-183, 8-269, 9-277
BOWLING: Cairns 23-6-47-3, Lewis 31.1-6-87-3, Pennett 23-5-55-0, Pick 30-11-67-2, Bates 5-2-8-1
NOTTINGHAMSHIRE: First Innings
P R Pollard not out 7
W A Dessaur not out 6
Extras (lb 2) 2
Total (no wkt, 7 overs) 15
*R T Robinson, P Johnson, M Saxelby, C C Lewis, C L Cairns, R T Bates, †B N French, R A Pick and D B Pennett to bat
BOWLING: Walsh 4-1-10-0, Cooper 3-1-3-0
Bonus points: Gloucs 3, Notts 4
Umpires: R Julian and N T Plews

YESTERDAY'S SCOREBOARDS

Britannic Assurance county championship

Yorkshire v Sussex

SCARBOROUGH *(second day of four): Yorkshire, with nine first-innings wickets in hand, are 354 runs behind Sussex*
SUSSEX: First Innings
N J Lenham c Stemp b Hartley 27
C W J Athey c Grayson b Gough 112
K Greenfield b Hartley 26
A P Wells c Grayson b Gough 123
M P Speight c White b Gough 18
C C Remy c Grayson b Stemp 17
†P Moores run out 25
I D K Salisbury c Hartley b Stemp 13
F D Stephenson not out 1
Extras (b 7, lb 6, nb 22) 35
Total (8 wkts dec, 119.2 overs) 397
E E Hemmings and E S H Giddins did not bat.
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-30, 2-82, 3-312, 4-341, 5-341, 6-362, 7-387, 8-397
BOWLING: Hartley 29-5-97-2; Gough 28-9-82-3; Robinson 20-5-78-0; Stemp 26.2-6-63-2; White 1-0-8-0; Batty 9-2-35-0; Richardson 5-0-18-0; Grayson 1-0-3-0.
YORKSHIRE: First Innings
*M D Moxon not out 21
D Byas c Speight b Stephenson 0
R B Richardson not out 21
Extras (lb 1) 1
Total (1 wkt, 17 overs) 43
A P Grayson, C White, †R J Blakey, P J Hartley, D Gough, R D Stemp, J D Batty and M A Robinson to bat
FALL OF WICKET: 1-2.
BOWLING: Stephenson 8-2-21-1; Giddins 1-0-1-0; Remy 4-1-16-0; Hemmings 4-1-4-0.
Umpires: J D Bond and V A Holder.

Glamorgan v Essex

CARDIFF *(second day of four): Glamorgan have scored 134 for six wickets against Essex*
GLAMORGAN: First Innings
A Dale c Knight b Andrew 3
*H Morris b Andrew 30
M P Maynard c Ilott b Stephenson 28
I V A Richards c Lewis b Andrew 30
P A Cottey c Knight b Stephenson 6
†C P Metson not out 6
D L Hemp b Andrew 2
R D B Croft not out 0
Extras (b 6, lb 4, w 3, nb 16) 29
Total (6 wkts, 32 overs) 134
R P Lefebvre, S L Watkin and S Bastien to bat
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-19, 2-75, 3-109, 4-125, 5-125, 6-131
BOWLING: Ilott 9-3-26-0; Andrew 12-1-58-4; Stephenson 11-4-42-2.
ESSEX: *G A Gooch, J P Stephenson, P J Prichard, N Hussain, J J B Lewis, N Shahid, †B J Hyam, N V Knight, M C Ilott, P M Such and S J W Andrew.
Bonus points: Glamorgan 0, Essex 2.

Warwickshire v Somerset

EDGBASTON *(second day of four): Warwickshire have scored 128 for no wicket against Somerset*
WARWICKSHIRE: First Innings
A J Moles not out 54
J D Ratcliffe not out 55
Extras (b 4, lb 7, nb 8) 19
Total (no wkt, 50.2 overs) 128
D P Ostler, P A Smith, *D A Reeve, Asif Din, M A V Bell, N M K Smith, †K J Piper, G C Small and T A Munton to bat.
BOWLING: Caddick 11-3-34-0; Mallender 14.2-6-16-0; Rose 5-1-20-0; van Troost 5-0-26-0; Mushtaq Ahmed 15-8-21-0.
SOMERSET: A N Hayhurst, M N Lathwell, N A Folland, *R J Harden, I Fletcher, †R J Turner, G D Rose, Mushtaq Ahmed, A R Caddick, N A Mallender, A P van Troost.
Umpires: B J Meyer and G A Stickley

Derbyshire v Northamptonshire

DERBY *(second day of four): Northamptonshire, with seven first-innings wickets in hand, are 69 runs ahead of Derbyshire*
DERBYSHIRE: First Innings 127 (K J Barnett 53, K M Curran 4-35)
NORTHAMPTONSHIRE: First Innings
A Fordham c Bowler b Adams 71
N A Felton lbw b Warner 15
R J Bailey not out 75
M B Loye c Barnett b Adams 15
*A J Lamb not out 1
Extras (lb 4, w 1, nb 14) 19
Total (3 wkts, 50.2 overs) 196
R J Warren, D Ripley, K M Curran, C E L Ambrose, M N Bowen and J P Taylor to bat.
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-26, 2-162, 3-194.
BOWLING: Cork 12-2-58-0; Warner 13.2-1-46-1, Base 9-0-33-0; Mortensen 11-1-41-0; Adams 5-0-14-2.
Bonus points: Derbys 1, Northants 4.
Umpires: B Leadbeater and D R Shepherd.

Hampshire v Leicestershire

SOUTHAMPTON *(second day of four): Leicestershire, with nine first-innings wickets in hand, are 30 runs behind Hampshire*
HAMPSHIRE: First Innings 115 (D J Millns 5-21)
LEICESTERSHIRE: First Innings
T J Boon not out 31
P N Hepworth lbw b Marshall 0
*J J Whitaker not out 33
Extras (lb 2, w 1, nb 18) 21
Total (1 wkt, 24.5 overs) 85
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-8
V J Wells, P E Robinson, †P A Nixon, G J Parsons, A R K Pierson, D J Millns, M T Brimson and A D Mullally to bat.
BOWLING: Marshall 9-1-31-1; Shine 10-1-48-0, James 3.5-1-3-0. Udal 2-1-1-0
Bonus points: Hants 0, Leics 4
Umpires: J H Harris and K E Palmer.

No play yesterday

LORD'S: Middlesex 138 for 2 (M W Gatting 54 not out) v Lancashire

Tour match

Surrey v Zimbabweans

THE OVAL (final day of three): Surrey drew with the Zimbabweans
SURREY: First Innings 304-7 dec (A D Brown 138, A W Smith 60).
Second Innings
D J Bicknell c A Flower b Brandes 7
R I Alikhan lbw b Brain 10
D M Ward b Brain 4
G P Thorpe c A Flower b Peall 37
A J Hollioake run out 38
M A Butcher run out 8
A D Brown c Brain b Brandes 20
A W Smith c Rowett b Peall 9
G J Kersey st A Flower b Peall 23
J Boiling not out 7
A J Murphy not out 16
Extras (b 2, lb 3, w 1, nb 4) 10
Total (9 wkts dec) 189
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-16, 2-21, 3-22, 4-81, 5-107, 6-110, 7-132, 8-136, 9-171
BOWLING: Brandes 13-1-60-2; Brain 7-2-12-2; Streak 6-1-13-0; Rowett 2-0-20-0; Peall 20-4-46-3; G Flower 10-2-33-0
ZIMBABWEANS: First Innings 221 for 9 dec (G Briant 54; Murphy 5-58)
Second Innings
*†A Flower c Brown b Murphy 82
G Flower b Butcher 14
A Campbell c Hollioake b Butcher 31
D Houghton c Kersey b Murphy 23
G Briant c Bicknell b Butcher 25
G Whittall c Bicknell b Butcher 11
S Peall not out 4
H Streak not out 4
Extras (lb 2) 2
Total (6 wkts) 196
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-36, 2-128, 3-129, 4-168, 5-188, 6-188.
BOWLING: Murphy 16-2-69-2, Butcher 15-1-51-4, Boiling 11-3-48-0; Smith 9-4-21-0; Hollioake 2-0-5-0.
Umpires: P Willey and B Dudleston.

Third Under-19 Test

England v West Indies

OLD TRAFFORD *(first day of four. England Under-19 won toss): England Under-19 have scored 54 for three wickets against West Indies Under-19*
ENGLAND U-19: First Innings
M P Vaughan b Stuart 0
M P Dowman not out 24
*M J Walker c Coley b Bradshaw 1
R J Cunliffe b Stuart 17
M Trescothick not out 4
Extras (lb 1, w 3, nb 4) 8
Total (3 wkts) 54
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-4, 2-9, 3-38.
N Wood, G Chapple, †R J Rollins, D R Law, N C Philips and G Keedy to bat.
BOWLING: Bradshaw 6-0-14-1, Stuart 7.4-2-28-2; Dillon 4-1-11-0
WEST INDIES U-19: M Ventura, J Mitchum, R Griffith, S Chanderpaul, A Percival, *I Bradshaw, R Lewis, D Ramnarine, †A Coley, M Dillon and C Stuart
Umpires: J H Hampshire and D O Oslear

Second Test

Sri Lanka v South Africa

COLOMBO *(final day of five): South Africa beat Sri Lanka by an innings and 208 runs*
SRI LANKA: First Innings. 168 (B Schultz 5-48)
Second Innings
R S Mahanama b Schultz 0
U C Hathurusinghe c Cronje b Donald 0
H P Tillekeratne c Richardson b Snell 9
P A de Silva c and b Donald 24
C P Ramanayake lbw McMillan 0
*A Ranatunga c Richardson b Schultz 14
S T Jayasuriya b Schultz 16
†P Dassanayake c Richardson b Snell 10
K Dharmasena c Richardson b Schultz 2
P Wickremasinghe c Donald b Snell 21
M Muralitharan not out 14
Extras (lb 4, nb 5) 9
Total 119
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-1, 2-1, 3-30, 4-31, 5-49, 6-54, 7-89, 8-78, 9-101.
BOWLING: Donald 10-7-6-2, Schultz 16-4-58-4 (nb 5), Snell 12-4-32-3, McMillan 4-0-11-1; Symcox 1-0-9-0.
SOUTH AFRICA: First Innings 495 (W J Cronje 122, K C Wessels 92, A C Hudson 58, D J Cullinan 52, P L Symcox 50; Muralitharan 5-101)
Umpires: B Aldridge and M Samarasinghe.

McCague scraps plan for return

THE England selectors will not have another sight of Martin McCague before they pick their winter tour parties next week (Geoffrey Wheeler writes). The Kent fast bowler, out of action since suffering a stress fracture of the back in the fourth Test at Nottingham, has *abandoned plans to return* against Zimbabwe today.

He is also out of the match with Glamorgan which will decide the Axa Equity & Law League next Sunday. "He is doing a bit of bowling in the nets every day now, and he is still doing weight training, running and swimming to build up his strength," Daryl Foster, the Kent manager, said. "Hopefully that will continue and *he should be more than* ready for the West Indies, if selected."

A rapid improvement in the weather will be needed if many of the matches in the latest round of championship games are to reach a conclusion. But there was progress in the struggle for second-place prize-money.

After the loss of five sessions at Cardiff, Glamorgan at last got under way against Essex and stumbled to 134 for six, Stephen Andrew taking four of the wickets, while Northamptonshire advanced to 196 for three against Derbyshire and lead by 69.

Bill Athey and Alan Wells both completed centuries for Sussex in a total of 397 for eight against Yorkshire at Scarborough.

FOR THE RECORD

BASEBALL

NATIONAL LEAGUE: Philadelphia Phillies 10, Chicago Cubs 8. Colorado Rockies 10, Pittsburgh Pirates 7 (12 inns). Atlanta Braves 1, San Diego Padres 0 (10 inns). St Louis Cardinals 9, San Francisco Giants 4, Los Angeles Dodgers 6, Florida Marlins 5 (10 inns)
AMERICAN LEAGUE: California Angels 6, Detroit Tigers 0. Oakland Athletics 7, Toronto Blue Jays 4, Minnesota Twins 5, Cleveland 3 (12 inns).

BASKETBALL

MEN'S EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS: Preliminary round: First leg: Budivelnik Kiev (Ukr) 59, Guildford Kings 84. Hapoel Tel Aviv 85, Benfica Lisbon 73

BOWLS

BRECON WWBA Championships: Finals: Singles: M Rosser (Skewen) bt P John (Sophia Gardens, Cardiff), 21-13. Two-wood singles: A Dainton (Barry Plastics) bt J Acland (Penarth Belvue), 15-10. Under-25 singles: R Larsen (Penhill) bt S Hawkins (Abergavenny Nevill), 21-11. Pairs: J Davies and B Morgan (Llandrindod Wells) bt C Morgan and J Davies (Bridgend Municipal), 22-17. Triples: S Procter, P John, M Pomeroy (Sophia Gardens) bt V Phillips, J Willis, W Morris (Port Talbot), 20-14. Double rink: Llandrindod Wells bt Tredwr, 38-28. Fours: J Davies, D Rowlands, M Davies, B Morgan (Llandrindod Wells) bt P Rowe, S Philips, E Baker, P Cox (Newbridge), 32-9.

CARRIAGE DRIVING

WINDSOR: Lexus National Championships: Dressage: Horse teams: 1, G Bowman, 26; 2, K Bassett, 42.3; 3, R Mulgrave, 52.3. Horse pairs: 1, B Capstick 40, equal 2, M Gaskin and A Holder, 44.3.

CRICKET

RAPID CRICKETLINE SECOND XI CHAMPIONSHIP: Chelmsford: Essex 238 (N J Wood 4-31) and 137 (D T Parkin 5-49). Glamorgan 288 (R O Jones 87, J Bishop 80, D J P Boden 4-56) and 88-1. Glamorgan won by nine wickets. Boldon: Hampshire 300 (C A Connor 73, R S M Morris 53; D M Cox 4-29). Durham 53 (J N B Bovill 6-30, M J Thursfield 4-10) and 246-4 (P J Wilcock 118 not out, S D Birbeck 83, J N B Bovill 4-39). Match drawn. Hove: Sussex 226 (M Newell 55 not out, C M Wells 52, K P Sheeraz 4-37) and 235-6 dec (B T P Donelan 76 not out). Gloucestershire 315-7 dec (R J Scott 80, K P Sheeraz 53, B T P Donelan 4-123) and 150-1 (R J Scott 79 not out). Gloucestershire won by nine wickets. Leicester: Yorkshire 181-7 dec. Leicestershire 185-4 (I J Sutcliffe 82 not out). Leicestershire won by six wickets in match reduced to one innings. No play, matches abandoned: Banstead: Surrey v Kent. Taunton: Somerset v Warwickshire. Uxbridge: Middlesex v Lancashire. Worcester: Worcestershire v Derbyshire.

CYCLING

FONTAINE-AU-PIRE, France: Women's European Community Tour: Eighth stage (144km): 1, E Vink (Holl), 4hr 01min 05sec; 2, M Valvik (Nor), at 3sec; 3, L Van Moorsel (Holl); 4, A Koliaseva (Russ); 5, H Van de Vijver (Bel), all same time. Leading positions: 1, H Van de Vijver (Bel), 27hr 22min 48sec; 2, L Van Moorsel (Holl), at 2min 35sec; 3, A Koliaseva (Russ), 3:14; 4, C Marsal (Fr), 3:23.

EQUESTRIANISM

SPRUCE MEADOWS, Calgary: Prudential Steel Cup: 1, M Whitaker, Everest My Messieur (GB); 2, E Navet, Rosire HN (Fr); 3, B Goodin, Reservation (NZ). Cana Cup: 1, F Connors, Spring Elegance (Ire); 2, J Whitaker, Everest Gammon (GB); 3, D Raposa, Seven Wonder (US)

FOOTBALL

GERMAN LEAGUE: Werder Bremen 1 Bayern Munich 0
PONTINS CENTRAL LEAGUE: First division: Coventry 1, Derby 2. Nottingham Forest 2, York 0. Second division: Stoke 3, Mansfield 1
NEVILLE OVENDEN COMBINATION: First division: Bristol Rovers 1, Southampton 1.
BORD GAIS LEAGUE OF IRELAND: National League Cup: Second round: Derry 1, Monaghan 0

GOLF

ROYAL LIVERPOOL: Men's amateur home internationals: Scotland 7½, Wales 7½ (Scotland names first). Foursomes: D Robertson and B Howard lost to B Dredge and C O'Carroll, 4 and 3. R Russell and D Downie bt G Houston and S Jones, 2 and 1. S Dundas and A Reid bt R Dinsdale and M Macara, 2 and 1; S Gallacher and M Urquhart lost to C Evans and R Johnson, 5 and 3. G Sherry and S Mackenzie bt M Ellis and H Roberts, 5 and 4. Singles: Robertson lost to Dredge, 1 hole. Gallacher lost to Evans, 4 and 3. Russell bt Johnson, 5 and 4. Downie bt Macara, 1 hole. Urquhart bt M Smith, 2 and 1. Reid lost to O'Carroll, 1 hole. Dundas lost to Roberts, 1 hole. Sherry lost to Dinsdale, 1 hole. McKenzie halved with Ellis. Howard bt Jones, 4 and 3.

England 9½ Ireland 5½ (England names first). Foursomes: I Pyman and R Hutt bt P Harrington and J Flanagan, 2 and 1. D Fisher and P Page bt G McGimpsey and D Higgins, 1 hole. M Stanford and W Bennett lost to G Murphy and E Power, 4 and 2. M Welsh and L Westwood halved with N Anderson and J Morris. L James and C Edwards bt A Morrow and K Nolan, 3 and 2. Singles: Pyman bt Power, 4 and 2. Fisher lost to Harrington, 1 hole. Page bt Anderson, one hole. Standford bt G McNeill, 4 and 3. Bennett bt Morris, 3 and 2. Westwood lost to McGimpsey, 1 hole. Edwards halved with Nolan. James halved with Murphy. Hutt lost to Higgins, 2 and 1. G Wolstenholme bt Flannigan, 5 and 4.

Scotland 6½ Ireland 8½ (Scotland names first). Foursomes: R Russell and D Downie bt P Harrington and J Fanagan, 2 and 1. D Robertson and B Howard halved with G McGimpsey and D Higgins. S Gallacher and M Urquhart halved with E Power and G Murphy. S Dundas and A Reid lost to M Anderson and J Morris, 3 and 2. G Sherry and S MacKenzie lost to A Morrow and K Nolan, 2 and 1. Singles: Robertson bt Harrington, 3 and 2. R Russell halved with McGimpsey. Downie lost to Higgins, 5 and 4. Gallacher bt Power, 4 and 3. Reid lost to Anderson, 1 hole. Dundas lost to Murphy, 1 hole. Sherry lost to Fanagan, 4 and 3. Urquhart halved with Morrow. Mackenzie bt Nolan, 1 hole. Howard halved with Morris.

England v Wales (England names first). Foursomes: P Page and D Fisher lost to B Dredge and C O'Carroll, 3 and 2. G Wolstenholme and W Bennett bt G Houston and S Jones, 6 and 5. M Welch and L Westwood lost to C Evans and R Johnson, 4 and 3. L James and C Edwards lost to R Dinsdale and M A Macara, 1 hole. I Pyman and R Hutt bt M Ellis and M Smith, 6 and 4. Foursomes result: England 2, Wales 3

THE HERMITAGE, Dublin: Women's amateur home internationals: England 5½, Ireland 3½ (English names first). Foursomes: N Buxton and J Morley bt E Higgins and T Eakin, 1 hole. J Hall and K Speak halved with E R Power and L McCool. J Hockley and S Lambert halved with A Rogers and M McKenna. Singles: Buxton bt Higgins, 3 and 1. Hall bt Power, 6 and 5. Hockley lost to Eakin, 2 and 1. Morley bt McCool, 3 and 2. S Burnell lost to Rogers, 5 and 4. Speak halved with McKenna.

Scotland 7, Wales 2 (Scottish names first). Foursomes: C Lambert and M McKay bt L Dermott and V Thomas, 3 and 2. A Rose and F McKay lost to A Donne and J Thomas, 2 holes. M McKinlay and L Roxburgh bt A-M Magee and B Jones, 3 and 2. Singles: Lambert bt A Donne 3 and 1. M McKay bt V Thomas 4 and 3. Rose bt Dermott, 4 and 3. J Ford lost to Magee, 3 and 2. McKinlay bt Jones, 2 and 1. Roxburgh bt J Thomas, 1 hole.

HOCKEY

TERRASSA, Spain: Under-21 junior World Cup. Men. Pool A: Germany 3, Argentina 0. China 2, Spain 2. England 5, Egypt 1. Pool B: Spain 1, South Korea 1. Women. Pool A: Germany 4, England 2. Spain 2, Kenya 1. Pool B: Australia 4, Canada 0, South Korea 2, Holland 1.

SNOOKER

BLACKPOOL: Dubai Duty Free Classic: Final qualifying round (England unless stated): C Scanlon bt J Ferguson, 5-4. A Hicks bt M Johnston-Allen, 5-1. D Mountjoy (Wales) bt P Francisco (SA), 5-3. J Swail (N Ire) bt N Terry, 5-2. D O'Kane (NZ) bt P McPhillips (Scot), 5-3. S Lee bt G Wilkinson, 5-4. A Chappel (Wales) bt T Jones, 5-2. A Murphy (N Ire) bt J Johnson, 5-3. R O'Sullivan bt M Price, 5-1. D Finbow bt A Knowles, 5-1. M Davis bt A Drago (Malta), 5-2. A Robidoux (Can) bt P Meakin, 5-3. P Ebdon bt J Higgins (Scot), 5-3. N Foulds bt D Reynolds, 5-2. J Birch bt M Hallett, 5-2. A Hamilton bt M Bennett (Wales), 5-1. P Hull (Fin) bt B Gollan (Can), 5-0. S Pelman bt S Judd, 5-0. S Abbs bt S Haines, 5-0. T Murphy (N Ire) bt D Taylor, 5-3. R Foxall bt P Medati, 5-1. M Rowing bt P McPhillips (Scot), 5-4. G Greene bt F Chan (HK), 5-2. S Lee bt C Roscoe (Wales), 5-1. R Garrett bt J Michie, 5-2. M Campbell (Scot) bt S Suwannasingh (Thai), 5-3. L Richardson bt B Oliver, 5-1. A Davies (Wales) bt E Manning, 5-3.

TENNIS

TEXAS: Remington International family championships: Mother and daughter. First round. Y and S Durham (Bexhill) bt J and O Strauss (Isr), 6-4, 6-2. Second round: Y and S Durham bt R and K Hintermeier (Austria) 6-2, 6-0.

VOLLEYBALL

MEN'S EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS: Pool A (in Oulu, Finland): France 3, Sweden 0. Italy 3, Holland 1. Pool B (in Turku, Finland): Germany 2, Spain 2. Ukraine 3, Finland 2

WATER SKIING

SINGAPORE: World championships: Men's jump finalists: 1, J Clunie (Can) 57.9m; 2, A Alesia (It), 57.2; 3, C Parisi (Fr), 56.4. British positions: 12, P Studd, 52.0; 14, J Fisher, 51.7. Women's finalists: 1, S Stone (US), 42.8m; 2, B Grewe (Austria), 41.0; 3, T Neville (Aus), 38.4; 10, P Roberts (GB), 36.4; equal 12, N Huntridge (GB), C Williams (GB) 35.5m.

YACHTING

ATHENS: Soling world championship: Fifth race: 1, M Celon (It); 2, A Batzil (Ger); 3, T Boudouris (Gr); 4, P L Fornelli (It); 5, R Jacobson (Nor); 6, P Thomson (Can); 7, T Palm (Den); 8, F Fallinkoc (Gr); 9, S Jensen (Den); 10, T Berger (Fr). Leading positions (after five races): 1, Boudouris, 58.70pts; 2, L Doreste (Sp), 60.40; 3, Celon, 74.00; 4, M Doreste (Sp), 75.70; 5, P Coleman (US), 76.00; 6, Batzil, 77.40; 7, B Oesterreich (Ger), 85.70; 8, P Ahlby (Swe), 92.00; 9, Jensen, 93.00; 10, M Luschan (Austria), 104.00. Sixth race: Postponed owing to lack of wind
ABERSOCH: International 505 national championships: Sixth race: 1, P Brotherton and E Masterman; 2, H Cisneros and L Cropen; 3, M Longstaff and N Beloe; 4, I Barker and T Hancock; 5, I Pinnell and M Darling; 6, I Walters and A Parrington. Final positions: 1, Barker and Hancock, 10.5pts; 2, Brotherton and Masterman, 11.25; 3, Pinnell and Darling, 14.75; 4, Walters and Parrington, 31.0; 5, P Towers and A Davies, 38.0; 6, R Boardman and J Showell, 40.0
WEYMOUTH: Merlin Rocket national championships: Fifth race: 1, J Turner and R Parslow (Beer); 2, N Yeoman and G Williamson (Chichester); 3, A and W Warren (Shoreham). Sixth race: 1, P and J King (Bristol); 2, N Yeoman and G Williamson; 3, J Turner and R Parslow. Overall positions: 1, G and N Scroggie; 2, N Yeoman and G Williamson; 3, A and W Warren; 4, J Bell and F Driver; 5, A Evans and R O'Toole; 6, P and J King.

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Brand Jr beats high winds to surge five strokes clear

By John Hopkins, Golf Correspondent

A STRONG, gusting wind raced across the east course at the East Sussex National golf club yesterday, accompanied by heavy showers. A frog was found by the 9th tee, 100 yards from its pond. It is to be hoped it had hopped there and was not blown off course.

Yet there was not a word of complaint from Brian Barnes. The old warrior, who had been in deep depression because of his drinking problems and who announced three months ago that he had turned teetotal, was in his element in his home county on a course that had some of his colleagues reeling in crying for brandy.

Barnes, 48, had been one of only three men to birdie the fearsome 9th on Thursday. Just to prove it was no fluke, he did so again yesterday in the second round. Nobody else in the field could match that. Dozens of better and younger players took fives, Vijay Singh was just one of a posse who recorded a six and Costantino Rocca took seven.

Barnes was watched by his old friend, Dr Kenneth Kaunda, the former president of Zambia, who sat in a buggy with a rug on his lap and a white handkerchief wrapped around his hands. Barnes, wielding a new putter to great effect, went round in 72 to be one over par.

"I am happy to be hitting the ball so well," Barnes, one of the oldest men in the field, said. "My life is worth living again. It's dangerous stuff, that booze."

For the second day running, Gordon Brand Jr set an unmatchable pace. He went round in 68 and, having led by three strokes overnight, has now widened his lead to five after 36 holes. "Gordon is playing inspired golf," David Feherty said. "He is on another planet."

Is there any catching Brand? As he himself says: "It's a big nasty golf course out there. You never know what is going to happen."

Indeed, and if ever there was a course on which the unexpected is likely to occur then it is this muscular one in these more wintry than autumnal conditions. But one would be more sanguine if there were more tournament winners chasing Brand. Phillip Price, the 26-year old Welshman from Pontypridd, is five behind Brand Jr. after a 68. *Price has finished no better* than 25th in 23 events this season — and missed the cut in 12.

Olle Karlsson, a little known Swede, and De Wet Basson, of South Africa, are both eight strokes behind the leader. Not until you reach the names of Severiano Ballesteros, Ronan Rafferty, Steven Richardson and Frank Nobilo, who are all two under par, do you come to men who are accustomed to victory. Ballesteros, incidentally, is the only one of the 11 Ryder Cup men to be under par.

Why is this? One reason is that a course as tough as this one does sometimes throw up the unusual. Another is that the Ryder Cup race is over and some of the pressure involved therein is lifted. And a third is just the game itself in its maddening, infuriatingly unpredictable way.

How else to explain Chris Moody's performance, for example? Moody currently lies 137th in the order of merit having won only a little more than £26,000 this year yet he had 16 pars and two birdies and was one of only three men to avoid going over par on any hole (Brand Jr and Nick Faldo were the others). He felt proud of himself. "It's not often I do that on a boy's course, never mind a man's course," he said.

Brand has been seeing Dr John Allsopp, the same sports psychologist Peter Baker works with. "He has helped me release a great deal of the fear I used to have on the golf course," Brand said. He will sleep moderately easily on his lead. "It can be uncomfortable but you have to deal with being uncomfortable to win."



Brian Barnes, returning to form with a solid 72

IAN STEWART

DETAILS

LEADING SECOND ROUND SCORES (GB and Ire unless stated): 133: G Brand Jr, 65, 68. 138: P Price, 70, 68. 141: O Karlsson (Swe), 68, 73, D W Basson (SA), 71, 70. 142: P Lawrie, 72, 70; R Rafferty, 69, 73; F Nobilo (NZ), 73, 69, S Richardson, 72, 70; M McLean, 71, 71, S Ballesteros (Sp), 70, 72. 143: J Robinson, 69, 74, P Walton, 68, 75. 144: M Lanner (Swe), 73, 71; B Marchbank, 71, 73; P Curry, 71, 73.

145: R Hartmann (Swe), 72, 73; P McGinley, 73, 72; M Besanceney (Fr), 74, 71, B Barnes, 73, 72; R Karlsson (Swe), 71, 74; I Woosnam, 70, 75. 146: C Moody 76 70; S Bowman (US), 75, 71; J Parnevik (Swe), 72, 74; H Clark, 73, 73; A Lyle, 72, 74; D Clarke, 74, 72; P O'Malley (Aus), 74, 72; P Fowler (Aus), 73, 73; S Torrance, 71, 75; G Turner (NZ), 75, 71.

147: G Leverson (SA), 73, 74; P Mitchell, 76, 71; M A Jimenez (Sp), 74, 73; J Robson, 72, 75, J Hawkes (SA), 71, 76, J Van de Velde (Fr), 73, 74; A Hunter, 73, 74; N Faldo, 76, 71; P Eales, 75, 72; C Montgomerie, 72, 75, J Rivero (Sp), 71, 76, V Fernandez (Arg), 75, 72; A Sherborne, 72, 75; P Way, 74, 73.

148: J Berendt (Arg), 76, 72; D Cooper, 73, 75; S Luna (Sp), 75, 73; P Baker, 75, 73, P Broadhurst, 76, 72; S Ames (Trinidad), 77, 71, M Sunesson (Swe), 75, 73; M Mouland, 75, 73; R Goosen (SA), 73, 75; M Clayton (Aus), 72, 76; D Smyth, 73, 75; T Giedeon (Ger), 69, 79 149: H Selby-Green, 75, 74; T Johnstone (Zim), 74, 75; R Davis (Aus), 72, 77; M James, 74, 75, E Romero (Arg), 74, 75; S Tinning (Den), 76, 73; J McHenry, 71, 78; J Coceres (Arg), 75, 74; D Feherty, 75, 74.

Did not qualify (selected): 150: B Lane, 71, 79. 152: J Haeggman (Swe), 79 73; J M Olazabal (Sp), 76, 76; B Gallacher, 78, 74. 153: C Rocca (It), 73, 80. Retired: D Silva (Por), M Farry (Fr). Withdrew: P Fulke (Swe).

Bennett's par enough to stymie Welsh bid

ENGLAND won the home internationals at the Royal Liverpool golf club, Hoylake, for the first time since 1989 yesterday when they shared their match with Wales, the European champions, to finish the series unbeaten (Patricia Davies writes).

Wales were also unbeaten but, having halved with Scotland, they needed to beat the English to win the title for the first time. Wales won the foursomes 3-2 and needed only to share the singles to lay their hands on the Raymond trophy, a prize Welsh golf has found as elusive as the holy grail.

At the turn, Wales led in the top six singles and the arias were being hummed. But on an afternoon of seesawing fortunes, England clawed their way back; in the end everything rested on Warren Bennett and Richard Dinsdale. Wales needed half a point to win but, crucially, Bennett, one up after 17 holes, finished with a par to give England the point they needed.

Ireland beat Scotland, but the match was soured when Alan Reid objected to Neil Anderson's method of replacing the ball. The Scot complained on the 15th. Anderson conceded the hole, but won the match at the 18th.

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Ferrari's hopes dashed as Prost takes charge

From Oliver Holt in Monza

FOR five minutes yesterday, all Italy punched the air with Jean Alesi as he coasted round the Autodromo here in his shining red Ferrari, prematurely expecting he had stolen provisional pole position for the Italian grand prix tomorrow.

For those few minutes, as the *tifosi* who packed the grandstands and swarmed around the entrances to the park that shades this track, cheered and whooped and dared to dream of a first win for the team since 1990, it seemed Ferrari's performance might overshadow the beginning of Alain Prost's attempt to clinch his fourth drivers' world championship.

Then, first Damon Hill and next Prost, the last man to win in a car emblazoned with the famous prancing horse, in the Spanish grand prix three years ago, edged past Alesi's time to establish the expected dominance of the Williams-Renaults here and dampen the ardour of the home fans.

The cynics suggested the timing of the uncharacteristically impressive performances of the Ferraris of Alesi and Gerhard Berger was somewhat suspicious. The dismissive said it was more to do with the prayers of a priest standing conspicuously on the pit wall outside the team's garage, the wise that it was produced by the experience gleaned in five days of testing at the Milanese track. Whatever it was, it boosted flagging Italian spirits and took the pressure off Prost.

"After last week's test here, I said we could aim high," Alesi said. "I think that today's result proves my point. I got the maximum out of the car and I am very satisfied."

The afternoon still belonged to Alesi's compatriot, Prost, who always appears to do just enough and no more. He finished more than 0.1sec ahead of Hill and nearly 0.5sec ahead of Alesi and needs only to claim a points finish two better than Ayrton Senna, and prevent a Hill win, to claim the championship.

Afterwards, he preferred to concentrate more on his approaching role as referee at a celebrity football match, but admitted he was feeling the pressure of trying to clinch the title. "I would very much like to win it here and then be able to enjoy the rest of the season," he said. "To be first and second on the first day here is not a bad effort when you consider how much testing the Ferrari team have been able to do here."

If Ferrari's scene-stealing attempt was relegated to a sideshow, it still had to compete with a Hill cameo. The 32-year-old Englishman, who still retains an outside chance of snatching the title from Prost, does not yet know whether he will keep his job at Williams next year.

Even though he is going for his third successive win this weekend after triumphs in Hungary and Belgium, there are persistent rumours that the team owner, Frank Williams, and Senna are indulging in some mutual courtship and, to add insult to injury, Hill may also be asked to obey team orders and let Prost win.

"I do not want to have a situation where I am asked to relinquish a place in favour of Alain," Hill said. "In some ways, it would be in my interests for him to clinch the championship here because Frank has said he will not announce who his second driver is to be until the drivers' title is decided.

"But I have almost a unique opportunity to go for a hat-trick of wins here. If I win another grand prix, then Frank can sack me if he likes but I will be very happy with the three wins.

"I have not been looking for any other team because I am very happy where I am and I firmly believe Williams will be the team to beat again next year. Frank has an option on me for the next two years and I have to wait to see what he decides."

Finally, spare a thought for Marco Apicella, an Italian making his Formula One debut in a Jordan. He spun after only two laps of the afternoon session and finished in 26th and last place in the lap times, 25 seconds behind the driver above him.

"I went into the Lesmo corner quite fast," Apicella, who is currently racing in the Japanese F3000 championship and has taken over temporarily at Jordan following the retirement of Thierry Boutsen, said. "Inside the bend, there was some oil or water or something on the track and I just lost the car. What can I say."

The Lotus formula one team announced in Monza yesterday that it had secured a two-year deal to be supplied with the highly-regarded Mugen-Honda V10 engines for the 1994 and 1995 seasons. The team, based in Norfolk, has been using Ford engines for the last two years but, this season, has had to wait its turn behind the considerations of McLaren and Benetton, who are powered by the same company.

FIRST PRACTICE SESSION: 1, A Prost (Fr), Williams-Renault, 1min 22.163sec; 2, D Hill (GB), Williams-Renault, 1:22.283; 3, J Alesi (Fr), Ferrari, 1:22.625; 4, A Senna (Br), McLaren, 1:23.310; 5, G Berger (Austria), Ferrari, 1:23.750; 6, M Schumacher (Ger), Benetton, 1:23.886; 7, J J Lehto (Fin), Sauber, 1:24.298; 8, M Brundle (GB), Ligier Renault, 1:24.608; 9, D Warwick (GB), Footwork Mugen-Honda, 1:24.673; 10, K Wendlinger (Austria), Sauber, 1:25.016; 11, M Blundell (GB), Ligier Renault, 1:25.288; 12, M Andretti (US), McLaren, 1:25.348; 13, J Herbert (GB), Lotus Ford, 1:25.463; 14, A de Cesaris (It), Tyrrell Yamaha, 1:25.482; 15, P Alliot (Fr), Larrousse Lamborghini, 1:25.529; 16, P L Martini (It), Minardi Ford, 1:25.903; 17, L Badoer (It), Lola BMS Ferrari, 1:26.049; 18, R Patrese (It), Benetton Ford, 1:26.082; 19, A Suzuki (Japan), Footwork Mugen-Honda, 1:26.127; 20, C Fittipaldi (Br), Minardi, 1:26.135; 21, M Alboreto (It), Lola BMS Ferrari, 1:26.287; 22, U Katayama (Japan), Tyrrell Yamaha, 1:26.300; 23, E Comas (Fr), Larrousse Lamborghini, 1:26.323; 24, P Lamy (Por), Lotus Ford, 1:26.380; 25, R Barrichello (Br), Jordan Hart, 1:26.664; 26, M Apicella (It), Jordan Hart, 1:51.300.

DRIVERS' CHAMPIONSHIP (after 12 rounds): 1, Prost, 81pts; 2, Senna, 53; 3, Hill, 48; 4, Schumacher, 42; 5, Patrese, 18; equal 6, Brundle and Herbert, 11; equal 8, Blundell (GB) and Berger, 10; equal 10, Lehto and Fittipaldi, 5; equal 12, Alesi and Warwick, 4; 14, Andretti, 3; equal 15, Alliot, F Barbazza (It) and Wendlinger, 2; 18, A Zanardi (It), 1.

CONSTRUCTORS' CHAMPIONSHIP: 1, Williams, 129pts; 2, Benetton, 60; 3, McLaren, 56; 4, Ligier, 21; 5, Ferrari, 14; 6, Lotus, 12; equal 7, Minardi, Sauber, 7; 9, Footwork, 4; 10, Larrousse, 2.

Oaks winners renew rivalry in Vermeille

From Our French Racing Correspondent in Paris

A RE-MATCH between the English and Irish Oaks winners, Intrepidity and Wemyss Bight, in the group one £119,474 Prix Vermeille (1m 4f) tops the bill in tomorrow's Arc trial day at Longchamp. Dana Springs and Bright Generation are the two English contenders.

Michael Kauntze, having supplemented Royal Ballerina for the St Leger at a cost of £25,000, re-routes her for the Vermeille in the hope of finding faster ground. Ray Cochrane rides.

Cochrane also partners Luca Cumani's Only Royale, who *should land the four*-runner group three £23,895 Prix Foy (1m 4f).

The group two Prix Niel (1m 4f) should rest between the first two in the French Derby, Hernando and Dernier Empereur. Coup De Genie (Asmussen) will be at short odds to land the group one Prix de la Salamandre (7f).

Big-race fields

Going: good

1.25 PRIX FOY ESCADA (Group III £23,895 1m 4f)

1234 Modhish trained by A Fabre 4-9-2 ridden by T Jarnet. 513E Vert Amande E Lellouche 5-9-2 (D Boeuf), 34P2 Danyoun C Laffon-Parias 5-9-2 (F Head), 2221 Only Royale L Cumani (GB) 4-8-13 (R Cochrane)

2.55 PRIX VERMEILLE ESCADA (Group I 3-Y-O fillies £119,474 1m 4f)

1511 Wemyss Bight A Fabre 9-2 (Pat Eddery), 1114 Intrepidity A Fabre 9-2 (T Jarnet) 3050 Accommodating F Boutin 9-2 (E Saint-Martin) 2522 Royal Ballerina M Kauntze (Ire) 9-2 (R Cochrane) 3111 Dana Springs R Hannon (GB) 9-2 (J Reid), 3214 Bright Generation P Cole (GB) 9-2 (A Munro) 1444 Corrazona Mme C Head 9-2 (O Doleuze) 2511 Bright Moon A Fabre 9-2 (S Guillot)

4.05 PRIX NIEL ESCADA (Group II 3-Y-O colts & fillies £47,790 1m 4f)

-113 Turners Hill A Fabre 9-2 (Pat Eddery), -111 Tnarus A Fabre 9-2 (T Jarnet), 3241 Dernier Empereur A Fabre 9-2 (G Guignard), 1112 Hernando F Boutin 9-2 (C Asmussen) 3000 Hudo F Boutin 9-2 (E Saint-Martin) 2232 Dancienne E Lellouche 9-2 (D Boeuf)

Opera House has fine chance

From Our Irish Racing Correspondent in Dublin

SHAIKH Mohammed's five-year-old Opera House attempts to land his fourth consecutive group one success in the Ir£150,000 Guinness Champion Stakes at Leopardstown today.

At the end of last year, he had an international classification rating of 123 but he has now been promoted to a mark of 130. Today, he should enjoy a comfortable victory as he is 10lb clear of Market Booster and 13lb in front of Muhtarram. However, his leap in the ratings lies in his most recent win in the King George over 12 furlongs when he claimed the scalps of two of this season's Derby winners, White Muzzle and Commander In Chief.

The fact that he now reverts to ten furlongs makes this a more interesting contest as his two major rivals will be competing over their best trip. When Opera House won the Coral Eclipse Stakes, over today's trip, he squeezed home by a short head from Misil.

The group one Moyglare Stud Stakes for two-year-old fillies at the Curragh tomorrow brings together Richard Hannon's Cherry Hinton Stakes winner Lemon Souffle, *Andre Fabre's Spain Lane* and Tommy Stack's Las Meninas, runner-up to Turtle Island in the Heinz 57 Phoenix Stakes. Las Meninas could prove the pick.

LEOPARDSTOWN LINE-UP

GOING: GOOD DRAW: NO ADVANTAGE BBC1 & C4

3.30 GUINNESS CHAMPION STAKES (Ir£84,300 1m 2f) (10 runners)

1 (10) 003102 APPROACH THE BENCH 17 (CD,S) (J Mulhern) J Mulhern 5-9-4 — 87
2 (3) 100-351 LORD OF THE FIELD 21 (D,G,S) J Toller (GB) 6-9-4 W Newnes 31
3 (1) 1454-11 MUHTARRAM 9 (F) (H Al Maktoum) J Gosden (GB) 4-9-4 W Carson 86
4 (9) 31-2111 OPERA HOUSE 49 (D,F,G,S) (Sheikh Mohammed) M Stoute (GB) 5-9-4 M Roberts 89
5 (4) 2150-21 MARKET BOOSTER 41 (D,G,S) (Moyglare Stud Farm) D Weld 4-9-1 M J Kinane 91
6 (2) 44-5062 IVORY FRONTIER 75 (C,S) (P Gleeson) J Bolger 3-8-11 K J Manning 85
7 (5) 110-21 PERFECT IMPOSTER 125 (CD,G) (M Smurfit) J Bolger 3-8-11 C Roche 84
8 (7) 204514 REVELATION 25 (D,F,S) (J Dent) R Hannon (GB) 3-8-11 S Craine 38
9 (1) 133513 DANSE ROYALE 21 (C,D,G,S) (Mrs P O'Reilly) M J Grassick 3-8-8 W J Supple 85
10 (6) 1104 TAKAROUNA 21 (C,BF,S) (H Aga Khan) J Oxx 3-8-8 J P Murtagh 85

BETTING: 10-11 Opera House, 4-1 Market Booster, 7-1 Muhtarram, 10-1 Revelation, Takarouna, 12-1 Danse Royale, 16-1 Lord Of The Field, 20-1 Ivory Frontier, 33-1 Approach The Bench, Perfect Imposter.

1992: DR DEVIOUS 3-8-11 J Reid (7-2) P Chapple-Hyam 8 ran



CHEPSTOW

THUNDERER

1.50 Wass! This Then. 2.20 Bashayer. 2.50 Lady Sabina. 3.30 Ann's Pearl. 4.05 Norfolk Lavender. 4.35 Top One.

GOING: GOOD, GOOD TO FIRM IN PLACES SIS

DRAW: 5F-1M HIGH NUMBERS BEST

1.50 CLEARWELL HANDICAP (£3,991: 1m 2f 36yd) (14 runners)

1 0211 SCOTTISH BAMBI 22 (D,F,S) R Hannon 5-9-13 Mark Denaro (7) 2
2 1200 SCOTTY TERN 12 (C,F,G) J Bradley 6-9-12 Michael Bradley (7) 14
3 5152 MARCHMAN 38 (CD,F) J King 8-9-12 R Hills 1
4 1450 WASS, THIS THEN 27 (D,F,S) D Arbuthnot 4-9-10 R Price 12
5 1232 STORM FREE 9 (C,G) [illegible] 7-8-10 K Carlisle 11
6 0013- MANGING [illegible] 5-8-9 T Sprake 10
7 1630 GENERAL CHASE 12 (D,BF,F,G) D Gandolfo 3-8-3 S Drowne (7) 5
8 000 HIGHLAND SPIRIT 98 (F) M Pipe 5-8-6 D Harrison 3
9 0533 CHANDIGARH 25 F Lee 5-8-6 J Tate (5) 9
10 0225 VANBOROUGH LAD 11 (C,G,S) M Haynes 4-8-1 G Duffield 4
11 4650 AFFA 22 (G) T Thomson Jones 4-7-3 A Tucker 8
12 2206 MAI PEN RAI 12 (F,S) C James 5-7-3 Kim McDonnell (7) 13
13 0000 IBSEN 55 R Akehurst 5-7-3 B Russell (5) 7
14 0041 GRAS MOOD 12 (CD,F,S) [illegible] 4-7-7 C Avery 6

9-2 Scottish Bambi, 5-1 Gras Mood, 6-1 Marchman, 7-1 Chandigarh, 8-1 others.

2.20 BRECON CONDITIONS STAKES (£3,260: 1m 2f 36yd) (4)

1 024-0 JURA 25 (D,F,G) J Fanshawe 5-9-5 G Duffield 3
2 3-1 UM ALGOWAIN 165 (D,G) M Stoute 3-8-11 P D'Arcy 2
3 3630 FRESCADE 112 (D,F) P Cole 3-8-7 C Rutter 1
4 0464 BASHAYER 14 (F) [illegible] 3-8-6 R Hills 4

6-4 Bashayer, 2-1 Jura, 9-2 Frescade, [illegible] Algowain.

2.50 STRAIGHT MILE MAIDEN STAKES (£3,582: 1m 14yd) (14)

1 60 SIGNORE DE ANGELIS 22 J Bradley 4-9-3 Mark Denaro (7) 14
2 2030 ANORAK 7 [illegible] 3-9-0 Kim McDonnell (7) 6
3 8 ARAGON 17 [illegible] 3-9-0 M Payne (7) 11
4 500 GREAT PLOVER 32 Mrs A Knight 3-9-0 T Sprake 10
5 00 JIMMY HOWSELL 57 [illegible] 3-9-0 G Duffield 4
6 3-6 LABUDD 14 [illegible] 3-9-0 R Hills 1
7 0- MISLEMANI 292 Lady Herries 3-9-0 C Dwyer 3
8 MR PERCY [illegible] 3-9-0 N Carlisle 2
9 0 PINEAPPLE PRINCE 12 P Hedger 3-9-0 S Drowne (7) 9
10 0 SOROPTIMIST 21 M Moore 4-9-1 A Tucker 8
11 00 AMY COME HOME 42 P Murphy 3-8-9 D Harrison 5
12 0000 EASY TOUCH 12 D Haydn Jones 3-8-9 R Price 7
13 0-0 FADAIQ HAWAIC 105 A Scott 3-8-9 J Tate (5) 12
14 30 LADY SABINA 12 [illegible] 3-8-9 C Rutter 13

4-4 Labudd, 3-1 Anorak, 5-1 Lady Sabina, 8-1 Fadaiq Hawaic, 10-1 others.

3.30 RYEFORD CONDITIONS STAKES (2-Y-O: £3,318: 5f 16yd) (5)

1 2152 GOLD LAND 24 (D,F,G) P Cole 9-10 C Rutter 1
2 1015 EVENING FALLS 28 (C,G) J Spearing 8-13 NON-RUNNER 6
3 04 BILLY CRUNCHEON 41 R Simpson 8-13 W Woods 7
4 2612 DOLLAR GAMBLE 23 (D,F) R Hannon 9-10 Mark Denaro (7) 2
5 4112 INDIAHRA 22 (D,G,S) R Hollinshead 8-9 S Perks 4
6 6100 WINSOME WOOSTER 46 (D,S) P Murphy 8-3 D Harrison 5
7 41 ANN'S PEARL 35 (D,S) P Makin 8-5 T Sprake 8
8 13 POST MISTRESS 16 (D,F) M Prescott 8-5 G Duffield 3

2-1 Gold Land, 7-2 Post Mistress, 4-1 Dollar Gamble, 5-1 Indiahra, 6-1 Ann's Pearl, 14-1 Billy Cruncheon, Winsome Wooster.

4.05 MANSION MEDIAN AUCTION MAIDEN FILLIES STAKES (2-Y-O: £3,129: 6f 16yd) (9)

1 AMNESIA M Prescott 8-11 G Duffield 8
2 ARAGON HOLLY M Heaton-Ellis 8-11 W Woods 4
3 45 FROMAGE 35 D Laing 8-11 R Price 7
4 LORELEI ROCK J Semple 8-11 N Carlisle 5
5 0 MAY LIGHT 25 I Balding 8-11 S O'Gorman 2
6 240 NORFOLK LAVENDER 46 D Murray Smith 8-11 C Rutter 6
7 660 NO WHAT I MEAN 30 J Moore 8-11 Mark Denaro (7) 3
8 NUBI-TARA Mrs A Knight 8-11 T Sprake 1
9 0 SPARKLING LYRIC 14 M Jarvis 8-11 K Rutter (5) 9

7-4 Norfolk Lavender, 4-1 Fromage, 5-1 Sparkling Lyric, Amnesia, 8-1 others.

4.35 REDBROOK APPRENTICE HANDICAP (£2,679 6f 16yd) (19 runners)

1 2110 MY RUBY RING 14 (D,F,G,S) D Laing 6-10-0 S Eiffert (5) 13
2 5603 BAYSHAM 11 (B,D,G,S) B Millman 7-9-9 C Hawksley 18
3 2435 SPLASH OF SALT 37 (D,BF,G) T Naughton 3-9-5 T Ashley (5) 1
4 6651 FAY'S SONG 29 (D,F,G) R Akehurst 5-9-2 L Carter (3) 7
5 1410 ASTERIX 73 (D,F,G) J Bradley 5-9-0 Mark Denaro 3
6 6500 DARUSSALAM 35 (C,D,F,G,S) R Lee 6-8-10 L Aspell (7) 4
7 0000 TOP ONE 8 (CD,F) C Hill 8-8-10 R Painter (3) 19
8 4-01 BEVELED EDGE 12 (CD,F) B Palling 4-8-9 Wendy Jones (5) 6
9 0245 UNVEILED 23 (D,F,G) R Hodges 5-8-7 M Humphries 2
10 0600 JACK GRAY 42 J Spearing 5-8-3 L Suthern (7) 11
11 1064 KARUKERA 33 (C,S) B McMahon 3-8-3 Kim McDonnell 16
12 0020 COURTING NEWMARKET 11 (D,G) Mrs A Knight 5-8-2 Marie Plowright (7) 14
13 0603 NAVARESQUE 23 (D,F,G) R Hodges 8-7-13 S Drowne 12
14 000 MR JAZZ DANCER 102 D Wintle 3-7-12 Wendy Jones (5) 5
15 00/10 MISS CRUSTY 19 (F) D O'Neill 5-7-10 Claire Balding 10
16 0505 TURTLE BEACH 29 (G) C C Elsey 4-7-7 Antoinette Armes 9
17 600P GLIMA VAL 32 C Hill 3-7-7 B Russell 8
18 00-0 SUPER SCENARIO 39 R Price 3-7-7 M Baird (5) 15
19 00/00 EVER SO SHARP 24 (C,F,G) J Smith 10-7-7 F Savage (7) 17

11-2 Baysham, 6-1 Beveled Edge, 7-1 Fay's Song, 8-1 Navaresque, Karukera, 10-1 Asterix, 12-1 My Ruby Ring, Miss Crusty, 14-1 Splash Of Salt, 16-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: J Gosden, 4 winners from 14 runners, 28.6%; W Hern, 4 from 19, 21.1%; M Prescott, 4 from 19, 21.1%; M Pipe, 5 from 25, 20.0%; M Stoute, 3 from 17, 17.6%; M James, 3 from 20, 15.0%.

JOCKEYS: R Hills, 7 winners from 24 rides, 29.2%; D Harrison, 6 from 28, 21.4%; T Sprake, 8 from 53, 15.1%; G Duffield, 3 from 27, 11.1%; N Carlisle, 4 from 39, 10.3%.

Racing next week

MONDAY: Bath, Leicester, Plumpton. TUESDAY: Sandown Park, Yarmouth, Sedgefield. WEDNESDAY: Sandown Park, Beverley, Yarmouth, Exeter. THURSDAY: Ayr, Beverley, Lingfield Park, Yarmouth. FRIDAY: Ayr, Newbury, Southwell, Huntingdon. SATURDAY: Ayr, Catterick Bridge, Newbury, Market Rasen, Stratford

(Flat meetings in bold)

BANGOR

THUNDERER

2.10 Jamestown Boy. 2.40 Legal Artist. 3.10 Kilhallon Castle. 3.40 Lustreman. 4.10 Valiant Warrior. 4.40 Fortina's Song. 5.10 Prerogative.

GOING: GOOD

2.10 DEAD CERT CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS SELLING HURDLE (£1,906: 2m 4f) (6 runners)

1 -351 CELCIUS 10 (B,D,F,G,S) M Pipe 9-11-8 T Dascombe (5)
2 00-2 BURN BRIDGE 3 (V,D,F,S) T Caldwell 7-11-6 S Lyons
3 2-24 JAMESTOWN BOY 12 (B,C,F,G,S) B Preece 5-11-6 T Jenks
4 522/ COLONIAL OFFICE 805F (S) R Juckes 7-11-0 V Slattery
5 60-0 THE HIDDEN CITY 16 (S) C Thomas 7-11-0 T Eley
6 34 BARTON PRIDE 12 M Hammond 4-10-12 D Bentley

6-4 Celcius, 5-2 Burn Bridge, 9-2 Jamestown Boy, 5-1 The Hidden City, 8-1 others.

2.40 DICK FRANCIS NOVICES HURDLE (Div I: 3-Y-O: £2,442: 2m 1f) (10)

1 51 SUMMER FLOWER 12 (D,F) A Forbes 10-13 T Eley (5)
2 AWESTRUCK 35F B Preece 10-12 T Wall
3 LEGAL ARTIST 15F N Graham 10-12 D Murphy
4 00 MAD MYTTON 7 A Bailey 10-12 N Mann
5 24 NOMADIC FIRE 12F (BF) D Wade 10-12 T Jenks (5)
6 0 PAAJIB 28 J Norton 10-12 W Fry (7)
7 6 TOM THE TANK 21 N Tinkler 10-12 G McCourt
8 AMSANTY W Kemp 10-7 K Jones
9 SICILY OAK 7F D McCain 10-7 D Walsh (5)
10 THE SECRET SEVEN J Cresswell 10-7 B Clifford

7-4 Summer Flower, 7-2 Nomadic Fire, 4-1 Legal Artist, 7-1 others.

3.10 GREENALLS HANDICAP CHASE (£3,306: 3m 110yd) (5)

1 V84- WONT BE GONE LONG 126 (D,F,G) N Henderson 11-12-0 R Dunwoody
2 1-34 KIRSTY'S BOY 22 (D,F,G,S) Miss L Perratt 10-11-3 G McCourt
3 7-21 OFF THE BRU 12 (D,F,G) Mrs S Bradburne 8-10-3 Mr J Bradburne
4 222- KILHALLON CASTLE 134 (D,G,S) G Moore 10-10-0 N Bentley (5)
5 3-13 CHARMING GALE 8 (D,BF,F,G,S) Mrs S Bradburne 6-10-0 P Williams (5)

8-11 Off The Bru, 4-1 Kilhallon Castle, 9-2 Wont Be Gone Long, 7-1 others.

3.40 GORDON MYTTON HOMES HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,645: 2m 1f) (4)

1 211- MONTPELIER LAD 108 (CD,F,G,S) G Richards 6-12-0 R Dunwoody
2 -211 LUSTREMAN 14 (CD,F,G) J Peacock 6-10-0 T Wall
3 24-4 KALKO 21 (D,G) M Hammond 4-10-0 Mr C Bonner (7)
4 15-1 SAYMORE 28 (CD,F,G) R Hollinshead 7-10-0 S Wynne (3)

11-8 Lustreman, 13-8 Montpelier Boy, 7-2 Kalko, 9-2 Saymore.

4.10 HARRISON HEDGE HOPPERS NOVICES CHASE (£2,762: 2m 4f 110yd) (8)

1 4U-1 DROMINA STAR 8 (D,F) Mrs S Bradburne 12-12-0 P Williams (5)
2 66-1 VALIANT WARRIOR 21 (D,F) M Hammond 5-11-12 C Grant
3 BEN RHYDDING W Kemp 6-11-8 K Jones
4 -P32 CRAFTY CHAPLAIN 14 D McCain 7-11-8 Mr D McCain (5)
5 234- REVELLER'S GLORY 127 P Beaumont 9-11-8 Mrs A Farrell
6 F2-4 SHUTAFUT 7 T Forster 7-11-8 C Llewellyn
7 2P5- SMALLMEAD LAD 197 (D,G) D Gandolfo 6-11-8 P Holley
8 4-32 RISHKINA 8 (BF,F,S) M H Easterby 5-11-6 L Wyer

6-4 Valiant Warrior, 3-1 Dromina Star, 9-2 Rishkina, 6-1 Shutafut, 10-1 others.

4.40 DECIDER NOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,071: 2m 4f) (6)

1 023- FARMER'S CROSS 73 (G,S) P Beaumont 9-12-5 G Tormey (7)
2 052- POWLEYVALE 124 (G) B Rothwell 5-11-12 R Dunwoody
3 354 CLASSICAL STAR 10 (B) K Bailey 4-10-0 N Williamson
4 P0-3 FORTINA'S SONG 14 S Griffiths 6-10-0 T Jenks (5)
5 600- CROIX VAL MER 208 T Forster 6-10-0 C Llewellyn
6 53-3 RISING TEMPO 28 B Baugh 6-10-0 K Mann

15-8 Powleyvale, 9-4 Classical Star, 4-1 Fortina's Song, 8-1 others.

5.10 DICK FRANCIS NOVICES HURDLE (Div II: 3-Y-O: £2,431: 2m 1f) (9)

1 ARABIAN CASTLE 28F S Mellor 10-12 M Perrett
2 CREAGMHOR 42F B Llewellyn 10-12 Mr J L Llewellyn (7)
3 IONCADE B Cambidge 10-12 Mr J Cambidge
4 MOUSE BIRD 66F D Gandolfo 10-12 P Holley
5 PREROGATIVE 22F (V) M Pipe 10-12 R Dunwoody
6 TOMISK 22F N Twiston-Davies 10-12 C Llewellyn
7 TRY N' FLY 12F Mrs M Beveley 10-12 P Niven
8 0 FLORA LADY 21 W Kemp 10-7 C Grant
9 2 GLEAM OF GOLD 33 R Dickin 10-7 G McCourt

15-8 Prerogative, 11-4 Try N' Fly, 4-1 Tomisk, 6-1 Gleam Of Gold, 8-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: M Hammond, 5 winners from 13 runners, 38.5%; M C Pipe, 19 from 62, 30.6%; G Richards, 33 from 120, 27.5%; N A Twiston-Davies, 8 from 32, 25.0%; K C Bailey, 4 from 17, 23.5%; M H Easterby, 4 from 21, 19.0%.

JOCKEYS: N Bentley, 3 winners from 9 rides, 33.3%; C Grant, 10 from 43, 23.3%; P Niven, 4 from 18, 22.2%; G McCourt, 13 from 63, 20.6%; C Llewellyn, 7 from 34, 20.6%.

WORCESTER

THUNDERER

2.25 Aedean. 2.55 Top It All. 3.25 Mull House. 3.55 Palm Reader. 4.25 Touching Star. 4.55 Lasting Memory.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM SIS

2.25 BLACKPOLE SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,431: 2m) (9)

1 F-53 AEDEAN 12 (S) C Hogan 4-11-10 N Williamson
2 31U- PRIME MOVER 99 (V,D,BF,F) I Campbell 5-11-2 R Campbell
3 040- NAJEB 173 P Evans 4-10-11 M A Fitzgerald
4 34-3 RED INK 28 J Jenkins 4-10-11 S Smith Eccles
5 001- TRENDY AUCTIONEER 99 (D,F,G) Mrs L Jewell 5-10-10 A Maguire
6 20-5 ANOTHER VINTAGE 15F P Cundell 4-10-8 J Osborne
7 60-0 ALTO PRINCESS 15F A Jones 4-10-8 H Davies
8 5P-3 PEARLY WHITE 38 H Manners 4-10-1 M Bosley
9 PRU- ELWAZIR 190 D Marks 4-10-0 J McCarthy (5)

11-4 Red Ink, 7-2 Another Vintage, 4-1 Trendy Auctioneer, 6-1 Aedean, Pearly White, 10-1 Prime Mover, 12-1 Najeb, 16-1 Alto Princess, 33-1 Elwazir.

2.55 HENWICK NOVICES CHASE (£1,892: 2m 7f) (8)

1 1 WHATAGALE 7 (F) O Sherwood 6-11-1 J Osborne
2 65-5 KILDOWNEY HILL 42 J J O'Neill 7-11-0 A Maguire
3 3F-4 KNIGHTON COOMBE 12 (G,S) T Forster 7-11-0 H Davies
4 51P- MIRAMAC 106 (F,G,S) R Frost 12-11-0 J Frost
5 6333 KASHAN 18 (G) J Bradley 5-10-10 R Farrant (5)
6 -443 PAPPA DONT PREACH 12 J Dixon 5-10-10 R Supple
7 222- TOP IT ALL 176 (G) N Twiston-Davies 5-10-10 D Bridgwater
8 500- WELLANE BOY 210 M Meade 5-10-10 W Marston (3)

8-11 Whatagale, 5-1 Top It All, 7-1 Kashan, 8-1 Pappa Dont Preach, 10-1 others.

3.25 HALLOW NOVICES HURDLE (£1,480: 2m) (16)

1 35-1 BILLY BORU 35 (CD,F,S) R Simpson 5-11-6 D Gallagher
2 0-00 ARCTIC LINE 14 (B) J Bradley 5-11-0 R Farrant (5)
3 DANCE PARTOUT 743F P Hobbs 5-11-0 Peter Hobbs
4 MARTINOSKY 9F G Bravery 7-11-0 M Hourigan (3)
5 024/ MULL HOUSE 15F F O'Mahony 6-11-0 E Murphy
6 00-5 STERLING BUCK 35 G Yardley 6-11-0 D Leahy (5)
7 240- TALENT SPOTTER 89 K Bridgwater 6-11-0 D Bridgwater
8 PP- BID FOR SIX 168 C Popham 4-10-12 M A Fitzgerald
9 CONCINNITY 22F M Madgwick 4-10-12 A Maguire
10 6 FAIRFORD 8F L Barratt 4-10-12 Gary Lyons
11 MASRUR 31F D Marks 4-10-12 S McNeill
12 NATIVE CHIEFTAN 74F S Dow 4-10-12 H Davies
13 03-5 SIR PAGEANT 7 K Bridgwater 4-10-12 W Humphreys
14 SQUIRREL CITY M Meade 9-10-9 W Marston (3)
15 HULLO MARY DOLL 12F S Mellor 4-10-7 S Earle
16 P- STRAWBERRY FOOL 234 Mrs P Joynes 4-10-7 A Webb

8-13 Billy Boru, 11-2 Mull House, 8-1 Dance Partout, 10-1 Hullo Mary Doll, Martinosky, 14-1 Sterling Buck, 16-1 Sir Pageant, 20-1 others.

3.55 MEDALLION HOMES HANDICAP CHASE (£1,970: 2m 4f 110yd) (7)

1 332- PALM READER 225 (D,F) N Henderson 9-12-0 M A Fitzgerald
2 55-1 MAJOR MATCH 12 (C,D,F,G,S) T Forster 11-11-7 H Davies
3 8F-4 AMONG FRIENDS 12 (G) G Balding 8-10-4 R Davis (5)
4 321- COMEDY ROAD 101 (D,F,G) R Lee 9-10-0 L Harvey
5 1U-1 LITTLE TOM 33 (CD,F,S) J King 8-10-0 J Kavanagh
6 PP1- IN THE ZONE 131 (F) W Wightman 8-10-0 Peter Hobbs
7 3F-0 SLIPPERY MAX 36 (F,G) R Juckes 5-10-0 A Maguire

5-4 Major Match, 3-1 Comedy Road, 4-1 Little Tom, 11-2 Among Friends, 6-1 Palm Reader, 10-1 In The Zone, 25-1 Slippery Max.

4.25 BROMSGROVE HANDICAP CHASE (£2,406: 2m 7f) (7)

1 2-12 COPPER MINE 12 (CD,BF,F,G,S) O Sherwood 7-12-0 J Osborne
2 3311 TOUCHING STAR 7 (F,G) P Hobbs 8-10-0 M Hourigan (3)
3 42-1 LOCAL CUSTOMER 14 (F) P Bradley 8-10-0 W Humphreys
4 PUP BELL DIP 16 (F) W Clay 12-10-0 J Kavanagh
5 3P3T THEY ALL FORGOT ME 10 (F,G) T Casey 6-10-0 A Maguire
6 0-64 BARRACILLA 18 (G) G Balding 8-10-0 S Hodgson
7 44-4 SWINGTIME BELLE 10 (F) Miss A Whitfield 6-10-3 S McNeill

5-2 Touching Star, 11-4 They All Forgot Me, 3-1 Copper Mine, 4-1 Local Customer, 10-1 Barracilla, 25-1 Swingtime Belle, 33-1 Bell Dip.

4.55 STOURBRIDGE HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,733: 2m 5f 110yd) (7)

1 506- NAHAR 126 (G) S Dow 8-12-0 A Dicken (5)
2 -64-2 MIKTAS 7 (F,G,S) Miss A Whitfield 8-11-9 S McNeill
3 60-3 MIDFIELDER 42 (C,D,F,S) P Hobbs 7-11-6 Peter Hobbs
4 0P2- LASTING MEMORY 130 (D,F,G,S) R Frost 7-10-10 J Frost
5 45-4 NEWTON POINT 10 (G) T George 4-10-6 A Maguire
6 4134 MORS JEWEL 12 (D,F,G) J Bradley 7-10-0 R Farrant (5)
7 00-P MANDALAY PRINCE 7 (D,F) C Beever 9-10-0 W Marston (3)

2-1 Midfielder, 4-1 Mors Jewel, 9-2 Midfielder, 11-2 Lasting Memory, 6-1 Newton Point, 10-1 Nahar, 25-1 Mandalay Prince.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: O Sherwood, 21 winners from 60 runners, 35%; P Hobbs, 17 from 89, 19.1%; A Jones, 3 from 16, 18.8%; T Forster, 12 from 69, 17.4%; N Twiston-Davies, 8 from 47, 17.0%; P Evans, 3 from 19, 15.8%.

JOCKEYS: J Osborne, 21 winners from 83 rides, 25.3%; A Maguire, 15 from 75, 20.0%; M Hourigan, 4 from 21, 19.0%; Peter Hobbs, 10 from 59, 16.9%; S Smith Eccles, 4 from 24, 16.7%.

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Classic generation fails to measure up

Richard Evans, racing correspondent, finds that three-year-olds have an unenviable record so far this term against their seniors

The classic generation of horses trained in Britain this season is the worst for more than 20 years — and arguably the most disappointing since the war.

The paucity of talent among the domestic three-year-old crop is reflected in a detailed analysis by *The Times* of the performance of the classic generation against older horses in top races in England and France this summer.

In all-aged group one races, the truest test of the comparative merits of different generations, not one British-trained three-year-old has beaten older horses this summer. Thirty have tried; all have lost. Sayyedati, Clive Brittain's 1,000 Guineas winner, did win the all-aged group one Jacques le Marois at Deauville last month, but no older horse ran in the race.

The failure of domestic three-year-olds to record a single success against older horses at the highest level of racing is unique in the history of the Pattern, which was established in 1971 with the intention of providing a standard by which the best horses of each generation could be identified.

Although there are still 14 European group one races to be run, this year looks likely to provide the smallest number of British three-year-olds allocated a rating of 120 or above by the British Horseracing Board (BHB) handicappers. Only five have so far been given the mark which group one winners are expected to achieve. The five are White Muzzle and Commander In Chief, who share top spot of 127, Catrail, Barathea and Tenby.

In the last decade the number of British three-year-olds horses who achieved a rating of 120 or higher was: 1992 (11), 1991 (11), 1990 (17), 1989 (16), 1988 (18), 1987 (21), 1986 (21), 1985 (15), 1984 (21).

The dismal performance of our three-year-olds is also reflected in the outcome of group two races fought out between British three-year-olds and older horses this year.

Only four have been won by the younger brigade. Placerville was successful in the Prince of Wales's Stakes at Royal Ascot, Lord Carnarvon's Surprise Offer saw off Monde Bleu and Lochsong in the Prix du Gros-Chene at Chantilly in May, Lyphard's Delta landed the Nassau Stakes, and, perhaps most interesting of all given today's St Leger, Azzilfi beat four older horses, including the subsequent Doncaster Cup winner, Assessor, when taking the Geoffrey Freer Stakes at Newbury.

Geoffrey Gibbs, the senior BHB handicapper, agrees the domestic three-year-olds have been below par. "Yes, it is immensely disappointing and we are concerned about it. It is difficult to put your finger on the reason why. Last year's two-year-olds did not look anything outstanding, with the exception of Zafonic."

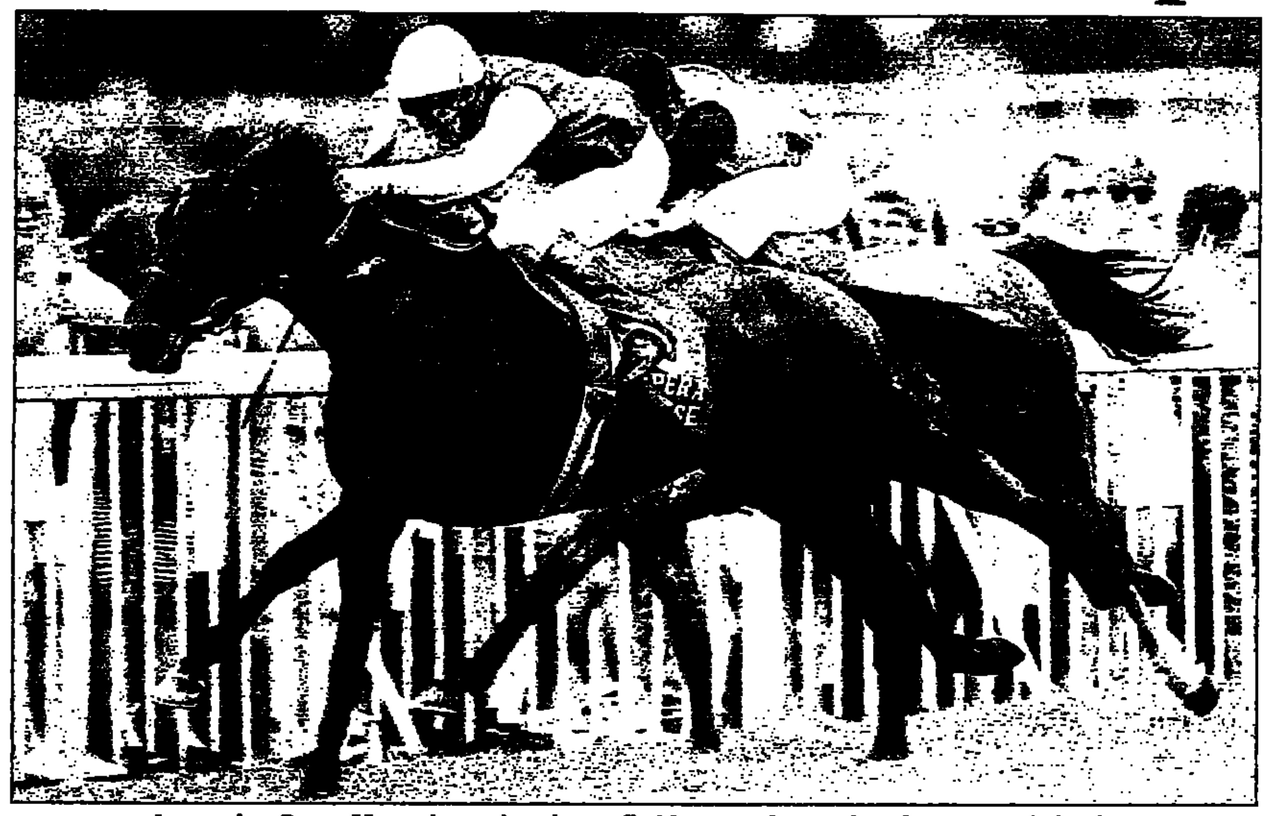
The one horse to produce a genuine championship performance was Zafonic when winning the 2,000 Guineas in record time. He was trained in France by Andre Fabre until his enforced retirement — and that is a clue to one of the reasons for the bad showing by British three-year-olds.

Leading owners, including Khaled Abdulla and Shaikh Mohammed, decided two years ago to send more good yearlings to Ireland and France, where prize-money is higher and training fees tend to be lower. The full effect of that switch, and the resulting dilution of quality thoroughbreds in British yards, has been felt this summer.

The bulk of all-aged group one races in France are still to be run, but the Elie Lellouche-trained Bigstone captured the Sussex Stakes at Goodwood and, interestingly, French-trained three-year-olds have been winning their fair share of domestic group two races open to older horses.

However, the main reason for 1993 being a Flat season to forget is almost certainly the recession-linked collapse of the bloodstock market and the fall in stallion fees. The policy of automatically packing off three-year-olds to stud ended and more horses have raced at four and five.

Opera House, whose classic contemporaries were the likes of Generous, Suave Dancer, and Selkirk, is the best example. He has undoubtedly improved this year to win the Eclipse Stakes, Coronation Cup and King George VI and Queen Elizabeth Diamond Stakes — but there can be no doubt he has been taking on the weakest three-year-old opposition for a long time. *(Research by Jack Waterman).*


Improving Opera House has enjoyed a profitable campaign against the younger brigade

RICHARD EVANS

Nap: STIMULANT
(2.30 Doncaster)
Next best: Azzilfi
(3.05 Doncaster)

Unblest stakes Guineas claim

UNBLEST earned a 20-1 quote for next season's 2,000 Guineas after ending State Performer's unbeaten record to win the Laurent-Perrier Champagne Stakes at Doncaster yesterday (Richard Evans writes).

Trained by James Fanshawe, Unblest quickened decisively inside the final 100 yards to beat Peter Chapple-Hyam's even-money favourite by three-quarters of a length. He will probably run next in the Dewhurst Stakes.

"He's got a very good turn of foot but hopefully he will stay a mile as he is so laid back," Fanshawe said.

BIG RACE LINE-UP

3.05 COALITE ST LEGER STAKES (C4)
(Group I: 3-Y-O colts & fillies: £194,720: 1m 6f 132yd) (9 runners)

301 (8) 11-120 ARMIGER 25 (C,BF,F,G,S) (K Abdulla) H Cecil 9-0 Pat Eddery 98
(ch c Rainbow Quest - Armeria) (Green, pink sash and cap, white sleeves)
302 (3) 1-22 AZILIAN 14 (V,C,BF,G) (K Abdulla) J Gosden 9-0 M Hills 83
(b c Top Ville - D'Azy) (Green, pink sash, white sleeves and cap)
303 (6) 144341 AZZILFI 28 (F,G,S) (Prince A A Faisal) J Dunlop 9-0 T Quinn 90
(ch c Ardross - Tanouma) (Maroon, grey epaulets, grey cap, maroon star)
304 (9) 411-161 BOB'S RETURN 25 (F,G,S) (Mrs G Smith) M Tompkins 9-0 P Robinson
(br c Bob Back - Quality Of Life) (Dark blue, yellow epaulets & sleeves, dark blue armlets, quartered cap)
305 (4) 311 DANISH FORT 14 (F,G) (Charles Mohammed) H Cecil 9-0 C Asmussen 96
(b c Danzig - I Want To Be) (Maroon, white sleeves, maroon cap, white star)
306 (7) 513612 EDBAYSAAN 9 (D,BF,G,S) (Shaikh Essa Bin Mubarak) H Cecil 9-0 W Ryan 85
(b c Slip Anchor - Legend Of Arabia) (Orange, black sleeves, black and orange quartered cap)
307 (5) 2-13024 SHAREEK 25 (G) (Maktoum Al Maktoum) M Stoute 9-0 W R Swinburn 88
(b c Alysheba - All Rainbows) (Royal blue, white chevron, light blue cap)
308 (1) 122452 SILVERDALE 25 (G) (Shaikh Mohammed) J Gosden 9-0 L Dettori 84
(ch c Silver Hawk - Norene's Nemesis) (Maroon, white sleeves, white cap)
309 (2) 62210 WINGED VICTORY 7 (G) (Pin Oak Stable) J Gosden 9-0 R Cochrane 89
(b c Nijinsky - Wedding Picture) (Grey and royal blue stripes, grey sleeves, royal blue cap)

BETTING: 5-2 Azzilfi, 3-1 Armiger, 4-1 Bob's Return, 6-1 Danish Fort, 10-1 Silverdale, 14-1 Shareek, 20-1 Edbaysaan, Winged Victory, 50-1 Azilian.

1992: USER FRIENDLY 8-11 G Duffield (7-4 fav) C Brittain 7 ran

Form guide to the nine runners

ARMIGER
Aug 17, York, good to soft, see Bob's Return
May 16, Longchamp, good (9-2) neck 2nd to Hernando (9-2) (1m 2f 110yd, group I, £59,205, 5 ran)
May 4, Chester, good to firm (8-11) beat Shrewd Idea (8-11) 2½l (1m 4f 66yd, group III, £33,526, 6 ran)

AZILIAN
Aug 28, Goodwood, good to firm, (8-11) ¾l 2nd to Shaiba (8-11) (1m 6f, listed, £9,894, 4 ran)
Aug 9, Thirsk, good (9-4) 1½l 2nd to Tomos (9-4) (1m 4f £3,553, 5 ran).

AZZILFI
Aug 14, Newbury, good to firm (8-5) beat Assessor (9-9) neck (1m 5f 61yd, group II, £40,063, 5 ran)
Jul 27, Goodwood, good, see Shareek
Jun 15, Ascot, good to soft see Winged Victory

BOB'S RETURN
Aug 17, York, good to soft (8-9) beat Foresee (8-9) 6l with Shareek (8-9) 5l 4th and Armiger (8-9) 13l 7th (1m 4f, group II, £46,715, 9 ran)
Jun 2, Epsom, good (9-0) 14l 6th to Commander In Chief (9-0) with Shareek (9-0) 15l 15th (1m 4f, group I, £447,580, 16 ran)
May 8, Lingfield, good to firm (9-0) beat Tioman Island (9-0) neck with Shareek (9-0) 2l 3rd and Azzilfi (9-0) head 4th (1m 3f 101yd, group III, £33,836, 8 ran)

DANISH FORT
Aug 28, Windsor, good to firm (8-7) beat Tremolando (8-7) 7l (1m 3f 135yd, cond, £3,260, 4 ran).
Aug 19, Yarmouth, good: (8-12) beat Perfect Vintage (8-12) 3l (1m 2f, mdn, £4,078, 15 ran)
Jul 31, Windsor, good to firm (8-11) 2l 3rd to Tochar Ban (8-3) (1m 2f, mdn, £4,079, 25 ran)

EDBAYSAAN
Sep 2, Salisbury, good to firm (9-2) 3l 2nd to Tioman Island (9-3) (1m 6f, cond, £4,680, 5 ran)
Aug 17, York, good to soft (8-13) beat League Leader (8-7) neck (1m 6f, hcap, £13,140, 12 ran).
Jul 28, Goodwood, good to soft (9-0) 2¾l 6th to Dana Springs (8-11) (1m 4f, hcap, £33,630, 16 ran)
Jul 1, Haydock, good see Winged Victory

SHAREEK
Aug 17, York, good to soft see Bob's Return
Jul 27, Goodwood, good (8-10) 2½l 2nd to Right Win (8-10) with Azzilfi (8-10) short-head and head 4th (1m 4f, group III, £19,884, 8 ran)
Jun 2, Epsom, good see Bob's Return
May 8, Lingfield, good to firm see Bob's Return

SILVERDALE
Aug 17, York, good to soft (8-0) 1½l 2nd to Further Flight (9-5) (2m, listed, £12,676, 9 ran)
Jul 8, Newmarket, good to firm (8-10) 3¾l 5th to Spring To Action (8-10) (1m 7f, listed, £9,594, 8 ran)
Jun 27, Longchamp, firm (8-11) 1½l 4th to Epaphos (8-11) (1m 7f, group II, £47,790, 6 ran).

WINGED VICTORY
Sep 4, Kempton, good (8-6) 15l 8th to Spartan Shareef (9-3) (1m 3f, group III, £25,830, 9 ran)
Jul 1, Haydock, good (8-10) beat Declassified (8-13) 1½l with Edbaysaan (8-10) 3½l 3rd (1m 4f, listed, £10,309, 4 ran).
Jun 15, Ascot, good to soft (8-8) neck 2nd to Beneficial (8-8) with Azzilfi (8-8) neck 3rd (1m 4f, group II, £58,433, 8 ran).

Selection: BOB'S RETURN (nap)

DONCASTER

THUNDERER
2.00 Gymcrak Premiere
2.30 Stimulant
3.05 Armiger
3.40 Cezanne
4.15 HUNTERS OF BRORA (nap)
4.45 Blue Bomber
5.15 Rafferty's Rules

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 2.00 LACOTTE (nap). 3.05 Armiger.

GOING: SOFT — DRAW: NO ADVANTAGE — SIS

2.00 COALITE RATED HANDICAP (C4)
(£20,137: 1m str) (14 runners)

101 (11) 101-150 MELLOTTIE 54 (CD,F) (Mrs J Fulton) Mrs M Reveley 8-9-7 J Lowe 88
102 (8) 110043 PAY HOMAGE 11 (D,F,G) (Miss A Hill) I Balding 5-9-5 L Dettori
103 (4) 6-02036 GYMCRAK PREMIERE 23 (D,F,G,S) (Gymcrak Racing) G Holmes 5-8-13 J Williams 98
104 (14) 31-1016 CROFT VALLEY 28 (C,D,F,G,S) (Miss V Pratt) R Akehurst 6-8-13 T Quinn 98
105 (12) 234003 CUMBRIAN CHALLENGE 24 (B,D,F,G) (Cumbrian Ltd) M H Easterby 4-8-8 M Birch 98
106 (9) 2-21103 SHOW FAITH 44 (D,G,S) (I Wight) R Hannon 3-8-7 W Ryan 96
107 (5) 0-62210 NEW CAPRICORN 49 (D,F,G,S) (K Bhatia) M Jarvis 3-8-7 J Reid 95
108 (10) 1-06061 AMAZING FEAT 17 (CD,F,G,S) (P Savill) Mrs M Reveley 4-8-7 K Darley 98
109 (13) 15-0 FRAAM 23 (D,G) (Maktoum Al Maktoum) A Scott 4-8-7 W R Swinburn 86
110 (6) 364250 ROYAL SEATON 23 (B,S) (Aeroster Carpets Ltd) B Millman 4-8-7 A Mackay 97
111 (7) 525110 BEAUCHAMP HERO 30 (D,F,S) (E Penser) J Dunlop 3-8-5 Pat Eddery 93
112 (2) 536050 EFHARISTO 24 (D,F,G) (The Dowager Lady Beaverbrook) C Brittain 4-8-7 J Weaver 94
113 (3) 441141 FOURFORFUN 15 (D,F,G,S) (Mrs R Knipe) R Hannon 3-8-2 M Hills 98
114 (1) 2-2221 LACOTTE 21 (S) (Shaikh Mohammed) J Gosden 3-8-2 J Carroll 94

Long handicap (4-Y-O+ 8-7, 3-Y-O 8-2): Fraam 8-5, Efharisto 8-1, Fourforfun 8-0, Lacotte 7-11.

BETTING: 4-1 Amazing Feat, 7-1 Beauchamp Hero, Show Faith, 10-1 Fourforfun, New Capricorn, Royal Seaton, 12-1 Croft Valley, 14-1 Cumbrian Challenge, Gymcrak Premiere, 16-1 Mellottie, Pay Homage, 20-1 others.

1992: MELLOTTIE 7-9-10 J Lowe (13-2) Mrs M Reveley 14 ran

FORM FOCUS

MELLOTTIE 7l 9th of 10 to River North in group III Scottish Classic at Ayr (1m 2f, good). GYMCRAK PREMIERE about 2l 3rd of 10 to Peter Davies in handicap at Sandown (1m, good to firm) on penultimate start. CROFT VALLEY 6l 6th of 16 to Inchcailloch in handicap at Newbury (7f, good to firm). SHOW FAITH two short-heads 3rd of 19 to Philidor to handicap at Goodwood (1m, good to soft) with PAY HOMAGE (4lb better off) 5l 11th and CUMBRIAN CHALLENGE (6lb better off) 10l 16th. AMAZING FEAT beat North Ardar 2½l in handicap at Redcar (7f, good to firm). BEAUCHAMP HERO beat Lost Soldier 3l in handicap at Newmarket (1m, good to soft) on penultimate start. FOURFORFUN beat Awestruck ¾l in handicap at Goodwood (1m, good).
Selection: FOURFORFUN

2.30 TRIPLEPRINT FLYING CHILDERS STAKES (C4)
(Group II: 2-Y-O: £25,473: 5f) (8 runners)

201 (7) 20132 CRAGGANMORE 28 (D,F) (A Stoddard) J Hills 8-11 M Hills 82
202 (1) 101020 PRINCE AZZAAN 24 (D,F) (K Al-Said) N Callaghan 8-11 Pat Eddery 86
203 (4) 001112 SELHURSTPARK FLYER 21 (D,BF,F,S) (C Deeters) J Berry 8-11 J Carroll 87
204 (6) 3152 YA MALAK 71 (D,G) (G Jabre) J Payne 8-11 R Cochrane 98
205 (2) 11344 GREAT DEEDS 23 (D,F,S) (Dubai Racing Syndicate) M Channon 8-6 T Quinn 97
206 (5) 141392 IMPERIAL BAILIWICK 43 (D,F) (J Shenkin) M Usher 8-6 J Williams 87
207 (8) 131033 ISABELLA SHARP 28 (D,S) (C Wright) M Bell 8-6 L Dettori 85
208 (3) 21312 STIMULANT 28 (D,F,S) (Lord Derby) J Watts 8-6 W R Swinburn

BETTING: 5-2 Ya Malak, 4-1 Great Deeds, 11-2 Stimulant, 6-1 Selhurstpark Flyer, 7-1 others.

1992: POKER CHIP 8-6 M Hills (33-1) I Balding 7 ran

FORM FOCUS

SELHURSTPARK FLYER neck 2nd of 5 to Balandra Bay in conditions race at Chester (6f, soft). YA MALAK neck 2nd of 6 to Elrafa Ah in listed race at Sandown (5f, good to firm) with GREAT DEEDS (5lb better off) 2½l 3rd. GREAT DEEDS 4½l 4th of 9 to Velvet Moon in group II Lowther Stakes at York (6f, good). IMPERIAL BAILIWICK 3½l 2nd of 5 to Risky in group III Molecomb Stakes at Goodwood (5f, good to soft) with ISABELLA SHARP ¾l 3rd. STIMULANT 1½l 2nd of 7 to Palula at Newbury (5f, good to firm).
Selection: YA MALAK

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Wins	Rnrs	%	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	%
H Cecil	28	83	33.7	Pat Eddery	40	183	21.9
J Gosden	26	90	28.9	J Weaver	6	28	21.4
R Armstrong	7	33	21.2	M Hills	18	114	15.8
M Stoute	16	83	19.3	W Ryan	14	103	13.6
J Berry	19	110	17.3	K Darley	22	171	12.9
M Jarvis	7	42	16.7	R Cochrane	18	144	12.5

3.05 COALITE ST LEGER STAKES (C4)
(Group I: 3-Y-O colts & fillies: £194,720: 1m 6f 132yd) (9 runners)
RUNNERS AND RIDERS — SEE ABOVE

3.40 LADBROKE HANDICAP (C4)
(£14,532: 1m 2f 60yd) (12 runners)

401 (9) 416245 RIBHI 23 (F) (H Al-Maktoum) D Morley 3-10-0 M Hills 92
402 (4) 111120 SILVER SAMURAI 24 (D,F,G,S) (J Cable) Mrs V Aconley 4-9-9 L Dettori 90
403 (12) 432331 JAZILAH 21 (D,F,G) (S Aitken) R Akehurst 5-9-7 T Quinn 92
404 (5) 3-2110 MOSCOW SEA 23 (D,F,G) (Shaikh Mohammed) H Cecil 3-9-3 W Ryan 95
405 (3) 4120-0 CEZANNE 119 (D,F) (Sheikh Mohammed) M Stoute 4-9-2 W R Swinburn 87
406 (1) 242213 JUBRAN 11 (D,BF,F,G) (Mrs E Scaffon) M Johnston 7-9-0 J Reid 92
407 (7) 841325 MAD MILITANT 29 (D,F,G) (Mrs B Facchino) R Hollinshead 4-8-10 K Darley 91
408 (8) 411124 BENTICO 35 (CD,F,G) (M Christofi) M Jarvis 4-8-10 Pat Eddery 93
409 (10) 3-36220 DOC COTTRILL 8 (B,S) (P Leonard) Mrs J Ramsden 3-8-3 J Weaver 88
410 (11) 24-4063 SUIVEZ 9 (The Dowager Lady Beaverbrook) C Brittain 3-8-3 J Carroll 88
411 (6) 405350 BEAUMAN 22 (S) (Mrs B Facchino) B McMahon 3-7-12 A Mackay 95
412 (2) 432230 PERSIAN CHARMER 14 (B) (D Couper) Miss L Perratt 3 7-10 J Fanning

BETTING: 6-1 Jazilah, 7-1 Bentico, Doc Cottrill, Moscow Sea, 8-1 Cezanne, Beauman, 10-1 others.

1992: CHATHAM ISLAND 4-9-0 Pat Eddery (12-1) C Brittain 24 ran

FORM FOCUS

RIBHI 4¾l 5th of 15 to Dawning Street in handicap at York (1m, good). SILVER SAMURAI ½l 2nd of 10 to Modest Hope in handicap at Pontefract (1m 2f, good to firm) on penultimate start. JAZILAH beat Kaashi 3l in handicap at Sandown (1m 2f, good to firm). MOSCOW SEA beat Brandonhurst neck in handicap at Ascot (1m 2f, good) on penultimate start. MAD MILITANT 1¾l 2nd of 6 to Roberty Lea in handicap at Haydock (1m 4f, soft).
Selection: JUBRAN

4.15 ROTHMANS ROYALS NORTH SOUTH CHALLENGE SERIES SEMI-FINAL
(Handicap: £12,908: 1m rnd) (11 runners)

501 (8) 520100 FOREVER DIAMONDS 12 (D,F,G,S) (Mrs J Russell) M H Easterby 6-10-0 M Birch
502 (3) 113-211 HI NOD 121 (F,G) (B Nordan) M Camacho 3-9-7 N Connorton 90
503 (7) 414336 BOLD ANGEL 7 (F,S) (A Wragg) M H Easterby 6-9-6 Pat Eddery 96
504 (5) 111153 SWEET MIGNONETTE 10 (CD,F,G) Mrs M Reveley 5-9-6 R Cochrane 98
505 (11) 61631 HUNTERS OF BRORA 21 (S) (R Gibbons) J Bethell 3-9-4 W R Swinburn 97
506 (2) 234114 PRIDE OF PENDLE 12 (D,F,G,S) (W Imison) P Calver 4-9-3 K Darley 91
507 (4) 160200 MENTALASANYTHIN 5 (D,G,S) (Mrs M O'Donnell) A Bailey 4-9-2 A Mackay 96
508 (1) 005410 NORTHERN CHIEF 9 (D,BF,F,S) (T Cheng) M H Easterby 3-8-6 S Maloney (3) 95
509 (6) 064100 SELF EXPRESSION 10 (C,D,F,G) (J Ramsden) Mrs J Ramsden 5-8-4 J Weaver 96
510 (9) 504005 HABETA 18 (CD,F,G) (R Bickenson) J Watts 7-8-4 M Hills 92
511 (10) 631052 LEGEND DULAC 51 (C,D,G,S) (T Wallis) J Harris 4-8-1 P Robinson 92

BETTING: 5-1 Pride Of Pendle, 6-1 Hi Nod, 7-1 Forever Diamonds, Sweet Mignonette, Bold Angel, 8-1 others.

1992: INDIAN SLAVE 4-7-7 D Harrison (12-1) R Guest 19 ran

4.45 ROUS CONDITIONS STAKES (2-Y-O: £4,191: 6f) (5 runners)

601 (5) 501 BLUE BOMBER 8 (F) (Cheveley Park Stud) R Hannon 9-1 K Darley
602 (2) 51 MONIS 18 (F) (H Al-Maktoum) T Thomson Jones 9-1 L Dettori 80
603 (1) 354203 NO MEAN CITY 14 (B) (Mrs M O'Donnell) A Bailey 8-11 A Mackay 82
604 (4) 0033 PICCOLO 12 (T Leigh) M Channon 8-11 T Quinn 92
605 (3) 81 FAWAAKEH 15 (D,F) (H Al-Maktoum) R Armstrong 8-10 R Hills 87

BETTING: 5-4 Blue Bomber, 9-4 Piccolo, 5-2 Fawaakeh, 14-1 Monis, 16-1 No Mean City.

1992: FACTUAL 8-11 Pat Eddery (9-2) B Hills 8 ran

5.15 BATTLE OF BRITAIN NURSERY HANDICAP
(2-Y-O: £4,932: 6f) (13 runners)

1 (13) 131326 BROCTUNE GOLD 63 (D,S) (D Playforth) Mrs M Reveley 9-7 K Darley 98
2 (12) 403354 OBVIOUS RISK 14 (Roldvale Ltd) R Hannon 9-2 Pat Eddery 98
3 (8) 32204 RAFFERTY'S RULES 14 (D Soberg-Olsen) Mrs J Ramsden 9-0 J Weaver 93
4 (10) 304500 RAPIER POINT 11 (Lord Scarsdale) P Haslam 8-11 R Cochrane 96
5 (9) 521025 CULSYTH FLYER 8 (D,F,S) (W Cully) R Hollinshead 8-8 W Ryan 98
6 (7) 063523 CHILIOLA 31 (BF) (I Armitage) M H Easterby 8-8 S Maloney (3) 90
7 (11) 4150 SADDAM THE LOG 23 (S) (Mrs M O'Donnell) A Bailey 8-2 A Mackay 95
8 (1) 4205 MICHELLISA 21 (Mrs S Burley) J Bethell 8-1 J Lowe 97
9 (3) 634658 HELLABY 16 (D Brown) S Norton 7-11 N Kennedy (3)
10 (2) 646336 DOCKYARD DORA 12 (B) (G Ashton) M Brittain 7-8 N Varley (7) 90
11 (4) 052 KENTUCKY FLYER 29 (P Bottomley) J Bottomley 7-8 L Charnock 95
12 (5) 16 ROCHE ABBEY 8 (G) (S Sage) M Johnston 7-7 J Fanning 91
13 (6) 043 CHEERFUL GROOM 38 (D Mulvihill) J Mackie 7-7 S Wood 94

Long handicap: Cheerful Groom 7-5.

BETTING: 5-1 Rafferty's Rules, 6-1 Obvious Risk, 8-1 Broctune Gold, Culsyth Flyer, Chiliola, 10-1 others.

1992: BRIGG FAIR 9-4 J Reid (10-1) R Hannon 11 ran

Armiger can make handsome amends

DONCASTER
C4

2.00: Show Faith has climbed the handicap since winning at Royal Ascot, but he goes well in testing ground. He had Pay Homage and Cumbrian Challenge well behind when just failing at Goodwood last time. Royal Seaton has claims but Lacotte faces a stiffer task following his Chester win.

2.30: Great Deeds holds Imperial Bailiwick on Royal Ascot form, but it may be worth siding with **Ya Malak** in spite of his ten-week absence. He had Great Deeds in third when just touched off by Elrafa Ah at Sandown.

3.05: Doubts about Bob's Return's stamina will not be helped by the ground, while Silverdale, who relishes the mud, may be better over further. Azzilfi's chance looks solid, but **Armiger** stands out on his early-season form. He was probably not ready when disappointing at York, and can make handsome amends.

3.40: Jazilah, impressive at Sandown last time, has been raised 8lb as a result and may prefer faster ground, so **Jubran** looks a safer alternative. Mark Johnston's gelding, who goes well in the soft, stays further than this 10½ furlongs, which will be a big asset in these testing conditions.

TODAY'S RACES ON TELEVISION

GOODWOOD
BBC1

2.15: Alkhafji ran away with a Salisbury maiden and has potential, but **Azhar** has good form in better-class races. His defeat of Baron Ferdinand, when giving 3lb at Salisbury, reads particularly well.

2.45: Ferryman looks reasonably treated for his nursery debut. He 'was always in command at Lingfield and will stay this extra furlong. Diesan looks quite harshly treated, but Down D Islands improved at Salisbury last time. Arndilly is another with claims.

3.20: This trappy handicap can fall to **Catherineofaragon**, who reverts to a more suitable trip after racing over a mile last time. Before that, she just failed to catch Heaven-Liegh-Grey at Goodwood. Palacegate Touch has done most of his winning in lesser company.

JULIAN MUSCAT

GOODWOOD

THUNDERER
2.15 Azhar
2.45 Arndilly
3.20 Catherineofaragon
3.55 Moidart
4.30 Cicerao
5.00 Ecu De France
5.30 Set The Fashion

The Times Handicapper's top rating: 5.30 SET THE FASHION.
Our Newmarket Correspondent: 5.00 Darrery.

GOING: GOOD TO SOFT — DRAW: 6F-1M, HIGH NUMBERS BEST — SIS

2.15 BARKERS TRIDENT CONDITIONS STAKES (BBC1)
(£6,906: 1m 4f) (4 runners)

1 (2) 2-1 ALKHAFJI 44 (D,G) (Prince A Faisal) H Cecil 4-9-2 A McGlone 84
2 (1) 311132 AZHAR 21 (D,F,G,S) (Shaikh Ahmed Al-Maktoum) M Stoute 3-8-11 Paul Eddery
3 (4) 02-251 PEARLY MIST 24 (G) (Shaikh Marwan Al-Maktoum) C Brittain 3-8 2 B Doyle 93
4 (3) 1-0 IVORY PALM 31 (S) (K Abdulla) J Gosden 3-8-0 G Hind 89

BETTING: 5-4 Azhar, 5-2 Alkhafji, 3-1 Pearly Mist, 6-1 Ivory Palm.

1992: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

FORM FOCUS

ALKHAFJI beat Bag Of Tricks 4l in 13-runner Salisbury maiden (1m 4f, good). AZHAR short head 2nd of 6 to Nassma in listed handicap at Chester (1m 5f 89yd, soft). IVORY PALM 11l 9th of 10 to Dana Springs in Salisbury listed race (1m 2f, good to firm). PEARLY MIST beat Misty Silks 5l in 9-runner Yarmouth handicap (1m 2f, good)
Selection: AZHAR

2.45 HIGHLAND SPRING/ROA NURSERY HANDICAP (BBC1)
(2-Y-O: £4,045: 7f) (13 runners)

1 (7) 5123 DIESAN 25 (S) (Shaikh Ahmed Al-Maktoum) J Gosden 9-7 G Hind 91
2 (6) 0500 PAPAGAYOS 14 (Coriechan Ltd) C Brittain 8-13 B Doyle (3) 86
3 (13) 522150 SWEET DECISION 28 (F) (Mrs D Catlard) M Williams 8-12 M Wigham 88
4 (12) 0003 WAAFED 8 (B) (M Al-Maktoum) A Scott 8-7 B Raymond 98
5 (4) 21 ARNDILLY 15 (C,G) (Olympic Racing) C Egerton 8-5 M Fenton (3)
6 (9) 5001 DOWN D ISLANDS 31 (B,D,F) (R Shannon) R Hannon 8-4 A Munro 87
7 (1) 6006 JEYPORE JO 28 (Lord & Lady Roborough) R Hannon 8-4 D Gibbs (7) 84
8 (5) 01 FERRYMAN 16 (G) (K Abdulla) G Harwood 7-13 Paul Eddery 96
9 (2) 441024 LEAP OF FAITH 15 (V,G) (J Purcell) Miss G Kelleway 7-13 A Garth (5) 93
10 (10) 030284 ARABOYBILL 12 (N Gay & Bernard G Barry) B Palling 7-12 D Biggs 93
11 (11) 005 BE EXCITING 14 (Stonethorn Stud Farms Ltd) J Dunlop 7-10 T Williams 92
12 (3) 000 ROCKSTINE 15 (J Morton) P Mitchell 7-7 D Wright (5) 76
13 (8) 000 TROPICAL VISTA 8 (Robin D Hendry) R Voorspuy 7-7 N Adams 74

Long handicap: Rockstine 6-11, Tropical Vista 6-6.

BETTING: 7-2 Arndilly, 9-2 Down D Islands, 6-1 Diesan, 7-1 Ferryman, 8-1 Jeypore Jo, Waafed, 10-1 others.

1992: KYREMIA GAME 7-11 S O'Gorman (10-1) P Mitchell 12 ran

FORM FOCUS

DIESAN 3¾l 3rd of 15 to Call To Mind in a handicap at York (7f, good to soft). SWEET DECISION 10l 7th of 7 to Petula in a listed race at Newbury (5f, good to firm). ARNDILLY beat Storm Ship head in a 19-runner maiden auction at Goodwood (6f, good) with ROCKSTINE (13lb better off) 8½l 10th. DOWN D ISLANDS beat Dutford 1½l in a 19-runner claimer at Salisbury (7f, good to firm) with TROPICAL VISTA (2lb worse off) 8½l 9th. FERRYMAN beat Up The Mariners 1½l in a 9-runner claimer at Lingfield (6f, good).
Selection: DIESAN

3.20 WILLIAM HILL SPRINT CUP (BBC1)
(Handicap: £16,262: 6f) (23 runners)

1 (3) 022111 PALACEGATE TOUCH 22 (D,G,S) (Palacegate Corp) J Berry 3-9-10 P Roberts (7) 96
2 (13) 52-6001 ECHO-LOGICAL 73 (F,G) (P Savill) R Hannon 4-9-8 A McGlone 94
3 (12) 1-20040 ROCK SYMPHONY 10 (G) (Sir Anthony Page-Wood) A Scott 3-9-8 B Raymond 98
4 (11) 120035 BALLASECRET 1 (C,D,F,G,S) (R Adams) R Dickin 5-9-8 D Meredith (5) 95
5 (21) 121-000 WHITE SHADOW 25 (D,G,S) (K Abdulla) R Charlton 3-9-5 S Raymond 90
6 (19) 050020 PETITE-D-ARGENT 25 (D,F,S) (D Couper) J Berry 4-9-5 A Munro
7 (1) 0-00050 GREEN DOLLAR 99 (CD,F,G) (B Azemoudeh) P Howling 10-9-3 F Norton 92
8 (6) 012811 NEITHER NOR 44 (D,F,G,S) (T Riley-Smith) D Wilson 4-8-13 D McCabe (5) 97
9 (10) 510125 FOR THE PRESENT 21 (D,F,G) (Mrs J Hazell) T Barron 3-8-13 Paul Eddery 96
10 (18) 410504 FASCINATION WALTZ 14 (D,F,G,S) (F Havercroft) D Shaw 6-8-11 A Proctor (5) 97
11 (15) 541431 OK BERTIE 7 (D,F,G) (R Fahey) R Fahey 3-8-11 P McCabe (7) 96
12 (20) 136030 BORN TO BE 31 (F,G) (J Redmond) S Dow 4-8-10 G Hind 95
13 (5) 02-4002 RESIST THE FORCE 12 (R Cyzer) C Cyzer 3-8-9 J D Smith (7) 93
14 (7) 102040 BLUE TOPAZE 23 (D,F,G,S) (Blue Mountain Racing) M Saunders 5-8-9 M Wigham 95
15 (23) 051304 PETRACO 15 (D,E,S) (B Hampson) N Smith 5-8-8 S D Williams (3) 96
16 (17) 004020 CATHERINEOFARAGON 22 (D,S) (T Mountain) W Wightman 3-8-7 G Bardwell 98
17 (22) 203406 MASNUN 14 (CD,F,G,S) (I Page) R O'Sullivan 8-8-6 D Biggs 98
18 (16) 500100 EDUCATED PET 7 (D,F,G,S) (B Morgan) M Johnston 4-8-4 B Doyle (3) 96
19 (4) 000450 ASSIGNMENT 14 (CD,F,G) (A Gorrie) J Ffitch-Heyes 7-8-3 T Williams 93
20 (14) 600205 PENNY HASSET 21 (D,F,G,S) (Mrs A Henson) M W Easterby 5-8-0 L Newton (5) 95
21 (2) 461585 ASHGORE 25 (D,F,G) (H Ashworth) M Johnston 3-7-13 T Williams 96
22 (8) 400602 HONEY SEEKER 35 (D,BF,G) (P Savill) T Thomson Jones 4-7-11 J Quinn 95
23 (9) 1500 BOLD STREET 7 (G) (Codan Trust Company Ltd) A Bailey 3-7-7 D Wright (5) 88

BETTING: 11-1 Fascination Waltz, 12-1 Rock Symphony, For The Present, 14-1 Penny Hasset, Neither Nor, Catherineofaragon, 16-1 OK Bertie, Palacegate Touch, Echo-Logical, Ballasecret, Petite-D-Argent, 20-1 others.

1992: ASSIGNMENT 6-8-2 T Williams (11-1) J Ffitch-Heyes 19 ran

FORM FOCUS

PALACEGATE TOUCH beat True Precision 3½l in a 9-runner handicap at Chester (7f, good to soft). ECHO-LOGICAL beat Rocky Waters neck in handicap at Epsom (7f, firm) with NEITHER NOR (14lb worse off) about 3l 6th. FASCINATION WALTZ about ¾l 4th to Margaret's Gift in a handicap over course and distance (good) with MASNUN (1lb better off) 1l 6th and ASSIGNMENT (3lb better off) 11½l 16th. OK BERTIE beat Face The Future ½l in a 20-runner handicap at Haydock (6f, good to firm) with BOLD STREET (5lb better off) 4½l 9th and EDUCATED PET (5lb better off) 8l 18th. CATHERINEOFARAGON short head 2nd to Heaven-Liegh-Grey in handicap at Newbury (5f, good to firm) penultimate start.
Selection: FASCINATION WALTZ

3.55 ALEXANDRA TROPHY HANDICAP (£5,131: 2m) (12 runners)

1 (5) 00-1504 ENCORE UNE FOIS 18 (D,F,G,S) (S & G Gutteri) M Johnston 4-10-0 B Doyle (3) 94
2 (7) 005104 STAR QUEST 36 (D,G,S) (D Morris) J Jenkins 6-9-9 A McGlone 96
3 (10) 233520 SWORD MASTER 19 (G) (I Vogt) Bob Jones 4-9-8 M Wigham 98
4 (12) 1311-00 IOTA 19 (D,G,S) (Shaikh Mohammed) Mrs J Cecil 4-9-7 B Raymond 90
5 (2) 1-56234 ALMAMZAR 15 (F) (Shaikh Ahmed Al-Maktoum) M Stoute 3-8-7 Paul Eddery 94
6 (4) 380034 BARDOLPH 63 (C,D,F,G,S) (Sir George Meyrick) P Cole 6-9-4 A Clark 95
7 (1) 043311 WELSHMAN 12 (D,F,G,S) (B Odon) M Blanshard 7-9-4 J Quinn 94
8 (3) 012432 MOIDART 22 (S) (Sir David Wills) J Fanshawe 3-8-10 A Munro 96
9 (8) 0/4201 POPSI'S LEGACY 8 (G) (M Haynes) M Haynes 6-8-10 D Toole (7) 94
10 (6) 431 ELBURG 29 (F) (Mrs A Gamble) R Hoad 3-8-9 G Hind 94
11 (9) 00-1566 TOUCHING TIMES 22 (CD,F,S) (M Orpen-Palmer) R Rowe 5-7-7 G Bardwell
12 (11) 550441 RAGTIME SONG 35 (D,F,G) (Mrs E Kiernan) A Moore 4-7-7 N Adams 86

Long handicap: Ragtime Song 7-5

BETTING: 7-2 Bardolph, 9-2 Welshman, 5-1 Moidart, 7-1 Encore Une Fois, Sword Master, 10-1 Iota, 12-1 others

1992: IDEAL CANDIDATE 3-7-9 D Biggs (9-4 fav) T Naughton 11 ran

4.30 EBF GOLDINGS MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-O £4,503: 1m) (10 runners)

1 (10) CICERAO (I Allan) H Cecil 9-0 A McGlone –
2 (9) CLARION CALL (F Salman) P Cole 9-0 M Tebbutt –
3 (6) EHTEFAAL (H Al-Maktoum) P Walwyn 9-0 Paul Eddery –
4 (4) MAJOR CLINTON (J Smith) I Balding 9-0 A Clark –
5 (2) MILOS (R Popely) T Naughton 9-0 J Quinn –
6 (3) STETTIN (Lord & Lady Roborough) R Hannon 9-0 B Raymond –
7 (1) STONECROP (J Guest) J White 9-0 Dale Gibson –
8 (7) TWIN FALLS (F Salman) R Hannon 9-0 A Munro –
9 (8) VINTAGE TIMES (R Cyzer) C Cyzer 9-0 D Biggs –
10 (5) IN BEHIND (K Higson) G L Moore 8-9 B Rouse –

BETTING: 11-4 Vintage Times, 7-2 Twin Falls, 4-1 Cicerao, 7-1 Clarion Call, 8-1 Major Clinton, 12-1 others.

1992: PALACE PAGEANT 9-0 R Cochrane (2-1 fav) I Balding 6 ran

5.00 FOXHALL MAIDEN STAKES (3-Y-O: £4,077: 1m 2f) (10 runners)

1 (9) 0- COMMANCHE STAR 320 (J Sheehan) D Shaw 9-0 S D Williams (3) –
2 (6) DOUBLE-U-GEE (Sir W Gartheath) P Mitchell 9-0 D Wright (5) –
3 (1) 24-5025 ECU DE FRANCE 60 (J Dasby) J Dunlop 9-0 T Williams
4 (4) 0 PURPLE SPLASH 152 (C Walford) P Makin 9-0 A Munro –
5 (8) 4 TOUJOURS RIVIERA 15 (J Pearce) G Wragg 9-0 F Norton 71
6 (7) WAJIH (H Al-Maktoum) W Hern 9-0 A Clark –
7 (10) 2 DARRERY 15 (Shaikh Mohammed) M Stoute 8-9 Paul Eddery 97
8 (5) 00 DIXIE DIAMOND 21 (N Mitchell) N Mitchell 8-9 N Adams –
9 (3) 2 NUMBER ONE SPOT 147 (BF) (Helena Springfield Ltd) R Charlton 8-9 B Raymond 92
10 (2) 0 VALBRA 33 (K Abdulla) H Cecil 8-9 A McGlone –

BETTING: 7-4 Darrery, 3-1 Ecu De France, 5-1 Number One Spot, 8-1 Toujours Riviera, 14-1 others.

1992: LYN'S RETURN 3-7-11 B Doyle (100-30) R Simpson 7 ran

5.30 BATTLE OF BRITAIN WESTHAMPNETT LIMITED STAKES
(Amateurs: £3,370: 7f) (20 runners)

1 (16) 000505 CONISTON LAKE 23 (D,F) (K Higson) G L Moore 4-10-9 J Keller (5) 73
2 (7) 360500- DOMINANT FORCE 290J (Mrs P Jubert) R Hannon 4-10-9 Mrs D McHale (5) 65
3 (1) 350654 DON'T GIVE UP 32 (F) (R Collard) Mrs M Bennett 5-10-9 Miss V Haigh (5) 62
4 (4) 261660 GREY CHARMER 47 (F,G,S) (Miss S Prevne) C James 4-10-9 E James (5) 81
5 (11) 06/0000 LAMBOURN RAJA 17 (D,G,S) (K Tork) J O'Donoghue 7-10-9 K Tork (5) –
6 (3) 132010 PUSEY STREET BOY 24 (D,F,S) (M Wilkins) J Bosley 6-10-9 Mrs S Bosley (5) 69
7 (17) 311421 SET THE FASHION 7 (V,F,G) (The Queen) Lord Huntingdon 4-10-9 Mrs M Cowdrey
8 (10) 500006 STARLIGHT FLYER 21 (B,F,G,S) (T Waters) J Long 6-10-9 T Waters (5) –
9 (13) 603201 SUPER BENZ 23 (CD,F,G,S) (Whitestonecliffe Racing) B Beasley 7-10-9 R Hale 87
10 (18) 000060 SUPREME OPTIMIST 31 (B,D,G,S) (A White) R Peacock 9-10-9 Mrs C Peacock (5) –
11 (8) 331010 SYLVAN SABRE 41 (F,G,S) (Sir W Gartheath) P Mitchell 4-10-9 R Teal 83
12 (9) 000030 EXCESS BAGGAGE 41 (D,G) (D Burke) Pat Mitchell 3-10-5 Miss F Burke (5) 60
13 (2) 206546 MAID WELCOME 11 (V,F,G) Mrs N Macauley 6-10-4 Miss A Sanders (5) 60
14 (15) 003000 PRINCESS JESSICA 42 (P Houlihan) P Butler 6-10-4 M Marmiah (5) 63
15 (19) 405052 QUEEN OF SHANNON 7 (D,G,S) (The Kilroughery Family) P McEntee 5-10-4 J Rees 93
16 (20) 24-0008 TAKE IT IN CASH 12 (R Adams) R Dickin 4-10-4 Miss S Dockett (5) 67
17 (14) 505050 HERETICAL MISS 17 (B) (P Boggis) R Hannon 3-10-0 Mrs J Boggis (5) 82
18 (6) 006 MYJINKA 12 (B) (Miss P Westbrook) J O'Donoghue 3-10-0 Miss K Martindale (5) –
19 (5) 221211 QUINSIGIMOND 17 (D,F,G) (A Mines) M Prescott 3-10-0 Miss Diana Jones 93
20 (12) 0560 TRIBAT 23 (Mrs L Morris) D Morris 3-10-0 Mrs L Morris (5) 86

BETTING: 6-4 Set The Fashion, 9-2 Quinsigimond, 6-1 Queen Of Shannon, 8-1 Super Benz, 10-1 others.

1992: SHAFFAAF 4-10-9 W McLaughlin (12-1) P Evans 20 ran

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Wins	Rnrs	%	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	%
H Cecil	26	82	31.7	A Munro	23	125	18.4
Lord Huntingdon	10	44	22.7	B Raymond	15	86	17.4
R Charlton	7	31	22.6	D Biggs	7	68	10.3
D Wilson	11	51	21.6	Only qualifiers			

RESULTS FROM YESTERDAY'S THREE MEETINGS

Doncaster
Going: soft

1.35 (1m) 1, Shepton Mallet (J Reid, 11-10 fav); 2, Dover Straits (9-1); 3, Thabit (11-2). 14 ran. Sh hd, 1½l. P Chapple-Hyam. Tote: £1.90; £1.20, £1.90, £1.80. DF: £8.80. CSF: £10.59.

2.05 (5f) 1, Primula Bairn (K Fallon, 5-1), 2, Macfarlane (4-1 fav); 3, Saddlehome (11-1). 12 ran. NR: Manor Adventure. ½l, hd. Mrs J Ramsden. Tote: £5.70; £1.90, £1.80, £4.70. DF: £7.30. Trio: £82.40. CSF: £23.89. Tricast: £193.52.

2.35 (1m 2f 60yd) 1, Young Buster (Pat Eddery, 11-2); 2, Salatin (2-1 fav); 3, Icy South (3-1). 6 ran. ½l, 3½l. G Wragg. Tote: £4.70; £2.00, £1.30. DF: £4.70. CSF: £15.67.

3.05 (1m 4f) 1, Prince Of Andros (L Dettori, 5-1); 2, Key To My Heart (8-1); 3, Persian Brave (100-30 fav). 8 ran. ½l, 2½l. D Loder. Tote: £5.80; £2.10, £1.90, £1.40. DF: £29.60. CSF: £39.14.

3.35 (7f) 1, Unblest (G Duffield, 3-1); 2, State Performer (Evens fav); 3, Bluegrass Prince (10-1). 4 ran. ¾l, 6l. J Fanshawe. Tote: £4.20. DF: £2.60. CSF: £6.14.

4.05 (1m 4f) 1, First Bid (A Culhane, 4-1 fav); 2, Pistol River (9-2), 3, Doyce (9-1). 9 ran. 3l, 2l. R Whitaker. Tote: £3.80; £1.30, £1.90, £2.90. DF: £6.90. Trio: £28.20. CSF: £19.57. Tricast: £122.86.

4.35 (1m) 1, Alfan (R Hills, Evens fav, Private Handicapper's top rating); 2, Katiba (9-2); 3, Taos (4-1). 4 ran. 2¼l, 1½l. H Thomson Jones. Tote: £1.90. DF: £2.70. CSF: £5.00.

Jackpot: not won (pool of £2,835.71 carried forward to Doncaster today).
Placepot: £55.30.

Goodwood
Going: good to soft

2.10 (1m 1f) 1, Knowth (T Quinn, 4-1 fav), 2, Wakil (14-1), 3, Googly (8-1), 4, Bold Stroke (7-1). 18 ran. NR: Mougins, Sealand. 1½l, 2l. R Akehurst. Tote: £3.50; £1.10, £2.10, £1.20, £1.50. DF: £19.90. Trio: £22.90. CSF: £53.26. Tricast: £384.69.

2.40 (1m) 1, Innishowen (T Quinn, 6-1); 2, Escarpment (2-1 fav); 3, Harvest Mouse (9-4). 5 ran. 2½l, nk. R Hannon. Tote: £7.00; £2.80, £1.50. DF: £6.90. CSF: £17.23.

3.10 (7f) 1, Corals Dream (W Woods, 7-1); 2, Ghost Tree (6-1); 3, Son Pardo (16-1). Caleman 11-4 fav. 10 ran. Nk, nk. C Wall. Tote: £9.40; £2.70, £2.10, £3.50. DF: £76.00. Trio: £152.40. CSF: £44.73. Tricast: £589.21.

3.40 (1m 2f) 1, Knifebox (M Roberts, 6-4 fav); 2, River North (4-1); 3, Gabr (7-1). 6 ran. ¾l, 1½l. J Gosden. Tote: £2.50; £1.10, £2.30. DF: £5.70. CSF: £7.37.

4.15 (1m) 1, Daswaki (B Rouse, 7-1). 2, Hawaii Storm (33-1); 3, Patsy Grimes (33-1); 4, Lyn's Return (20-1). Sloe Brandy 6-1 fav. 23 ran. NR: Thisonesforalice, Tocco Jewel. 5l, ½l. G L Moore. Tote: £7.90; £2.40, £7.30, £11.80, £8.30. DF: £221.50. Trio: £1,066.10 (0.20 winning tickets). CSF: £218.56. Tricast: £6,385.95.

4.45 (6f) 1, Sixpees (W Woods, 20-1); 2, Fawran (3-1), 3, Rooftop Flyer (8-1). Cult Hero 13-8 fav. 12 ran. NR: Donforget Insight. 4l, nk. M Channon. Tote: £25.10; £3.40, £1.50, £1.90. DF: £108.10. CSF: £75.33.

5.20 (7f) 1, El Duco (Paul Eddery, 9-4 jt-fav); 2, Matila (11-4); 3, Bngg Fair (7-2). Java Queen 9-4 jt-fav. 4 ran. NR: Storm Canyon. 2½l, 2l. R Charlton. Tote: £2.70. DF: £4.20. CSF: £7.89.

Placepot: £680.40.

Worcester
Going: good to soft

2.25 (2m 5f 110yd hdle) 1, Debacle (D Murphy, 11-8 fav), 2, Grain Merchant (11-1), 3, Make A Line (7-2). 13 ran. 10l, 1½l. B McMath. Tote: £2.10; £1.20, £2.80, £1.70. DF: £10.60. CSF: £17.15.

2.55 (2m ch) 1, Bardesan (J Osborne, 11-4 jt-fav); 2, Misty (11-4 jt-fav). 3, Weekday Cross (7-1). 6 ran. NR: Careless Lad, Explosive Speed. Nk, 8l. O Sherwood. Tote: £2.30; £1.60, £2.10. DF: £2.40. CSF: £9.70.

3.25 (3m hdle) 1, Owen (B Powell, 13-8 fav); 2, Kano Warrior (7-2), 3, Bankroll (7-1). 7 ran. ¾l, 20l. B Smart. Tote: £2.50; £1.40, £2.30. DF: £5.20. CSF: £7.33.

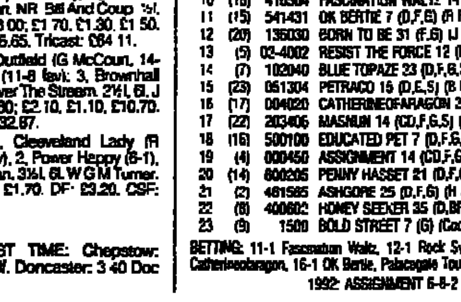
3.55 (2m ch) 1, Drumstick (N Williamson, 9-1); 2, Stay Awake (10-11 fav), 3, Feather Your Nest (8-1). 9 ran. NR: Bill And Coup. ½l, 8l. K Bailey. Tote: £8.00; £1.70, £1.30, £1.50. DF: £4.60. CSF: £16.65. Tricast: £64.11.

4.25 (3m hdle) 1, Outfield (G McCourt, 14-1); 2, Mr Murdock (11-8 fav); 3, Brownhall (50-1). 8 ran. NR: Over The Stream. 2½l, 6l. J Webber. Tote: £12.80; £2.10, £1.10, £10.70. DF: £13.70. CSF: £32.87.

4.55 (2m hdle) 1, Cleeveland Lady (R Dunwoody, 8-13 fav), 2, Power Happy (6-1), 3, Donosti (9-2). 5 ran. 3½l, 6l. W G M Turner. Tote: £1.30; £1.30, £1.70. DF: £3.20. CSF: £4.51.

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Saturday portrait: Dudley Wood, by Andrew Longmore

Rugby's leading man keeping balance on a moral tightrope

ILLUSTRATION BY STEVE MARTIN



For a man who has spent most of the last seven years performing a death-defying stunt on the moral high wire, Dudley Wood still has his feet planted firmly on the ground. Today, he will start his eighth season as the secretary of the Rugby Football Union (RFU), scourge of the professional and defender of the amateur faith. If he has a free afternoon, he will spend it at Bedford, one of his old clubs, in the hope of finding his cherished idyll of sport as social recreation — a good clean game followed by a pint with old friends, pure and untainted.

In some opinion, emanating mostly from the England dressing-room, Wood lies somewhere between Genghis Khan and Ronald Reagan on the scale of revolutionary thinkers, a man committed heart and soul to the task of slapping preservation orders on a game ripe for demolition. At best, the players regard their senior administrator as an ideal extra for *Jurassic Park*; at worst, as a hypocrite, happy to announce a sponsorship deal for £1 million on one day and to deny the best players in the land the right to reap the rewards for their excellence on the next.

The friction between the forces of commercialism represented by the slick and marketable figure of Will Carling, the England captain, and of tradition embodied by the tall, grey-haired Wood has led to a series of skirmishes, though not, as yet, to open warfare.

As the league season opens, with the All Blacks, those arch-professionals, on the horizon, there is an uneasy truce. But the swiftness with which seven senior English players leapt into print recently to condemn Wood for some remarks allegedly made to an informal gathering of sports editors and reported in a tabloid newspaper suggest that the suspicion remains as deep as ever. Wood and Carling had a working breakfast together earlier this week to set the record straight. At least, the England captain is still talking to the RFU secretary. Some of his England colleagues refuse to do even that.

There are a number of ironies in all this. The first is that, after spending 30 years in the sales and marketing division of ICI, Wood could make more money for the England team than all the agents put together, if he put his mind to it. Behind the slightly ruffled, harassed, almost schoolmasterly air lies a sharp commercial brain, which is applied to generating income for The Game, not to filling the pockets or boots of individual players. "It is not my job or the job of the RFU to make money for the England players," he says simply.

The second irony is that Wood himself has played a large part in releasing the genie of professionalism into English rugby. When he took over as secretary from Air Commodore Bob Weighill in 1986, the RFU was so much of a backwater that the telephone number was ex-directory, ticket applications for internationals were written down on a large piece of paper and employees were called by their surnames in time-honoured public school fashion. Rugby was heading for oblivion. League was a dirty word associated with grubby barbarians from the north and the idea of a youth policy was to circulate a few well-chosen schools to get nominations for representative trials.

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Wood and his committee have changed all that and set in place a broader, more competitive structure which has been the necessary precursor to the unprecedented success of the national side.

From being a bunch of amateurs playing like amateurs, the England side has been transformed into a team of amateurs training, preparing and playing like professionals. The standard of rugby at the top level has risen dramatically over the past five years. But each resounding triumph has heightened the cult of the personality, which Wood calls the "downside of success", sharpened the calls for financial rewards and, as other unions have adopted a more liberal interpretation of the obscure rulings of the International Rugby Football Board (IRFB), made the intransigence of the RFU in general and Wood in particular seem increasingly out of step with the modern age.

It might have been more acceptable had not the cranes above the national stadium at Twickenham, completing a £50 million redevelopment programme, advertised the wholehearted embrace of the commercial ethic by the RFU itself. The work is visible from the window of the secretary's office and will be regarded in years to come as a monument to his stewardship of the game.

Like it or not, Wood has become the symbol of an old order. It is a role he accepts with relish and performs with honesty and commitment, though "dinosaur" and "buffer" are two of the kinder labels hung on him for his troubles. The essence of his philosophy, fashioned by his own playing days as a No 8 at Oxford University, Bedford, Waterloo and Rosslyn Park, among other clubs, is that rugby's character can be found in the bar as much as on the field and that its beauty and strength lies in the diversity of spirit and openness of mind only true amateurism can foster.

Nobody in rugby has to make the choice between earning a living and enjoying a recreation. You can do both, though even Wood admits that, for international players, it is becoming increasingly difficult to keep the balance. As soon as money enters the equation, Wood argues, values change. For the worse. Sport becomes business, sponsors and television companies gain more control and the game is fragmented. Rugby could sustain professionalism in the crazy way cricket does, but what would be the damage to the game's soul?

Pleasure, pride, enjoyment, patriotism are the priceless weapons with which Wood defends his position and there is a devastating truth to the argument which a brief glimpse of the warped priorities of professional football does little to undermine. Wood argues his case logically, but with the passion only an instinctive amateur could muster. He denies that professionalism in sport is a bad thing in principle, but he does so without conviction.

Yet even his strongest critic would admit that far from being averse to change, Wood has been the driving force behind many of the recent improvements in structure and image, from the development of the youth training complex in Wolverhampton, complete with a hotel part-owned by the RFU, to the establishment of closer ties with the community around Twickenham, with the press (for better or worse), and with the public.

He is a witty and accomplished after-dinner speaker and sacrifices roughly 60 evenings a year to visit clubs, which he sees as much a part of his job as cajoling his committee or persuading sponsors that their investment brings no rights. He is popular with the rank and file, has a strong streak of common sense and a good eye for detail. Above all, in this age of expediency, he has a vision, still intact after all these years and no less precious for being conjured from the past, not the future.

Wood has two years left before he can retire peacefully to his home in East Anglia and leave someone else to guard rugby's treasure chest against the attacks of the professional pirates. He will leave the game in a healthier state than he found it, with more clubs in membership of the RFU, more people playing the game than ever before, an England team at last fulfilling its potential and violence on the field curbed if not eradicated. There is plenty of work to be done before then. Even at the age of 63, Wood has no intention of falling off the tightrope just yet.

Game must give value for money rolling in



David Hands, previewing the new league season, says Bath must be strong favourites to keep their title

THE beginning of this season has been littered with announcements of this or that sponsorship for rugby union, and the fashionable propaganda says that this clearly means the game is in good heart. Well, up to a point, anyway.

If business believes, in times of economic hardship, that rugby can be good for its product, then rugby can find many ways of putting sponsorship money to good use. But rugby's own "product" — the game itself — must demonstrate its sustained attraction on the field, starting today when the Courage Clubs Championship begins in England and the McEwans League in Scotland.

Players and coaches have had a season to adjust to the requirements of the laws that caused so much heartache during 1992-3. "What was required as much as anything was a positive attitude to the changes," Glenn Ross, Northampton's coach, said. "You have to accept what has to be done, get on and do it."

There speaks the pragmatic voice of New Zealand. But the buzz word throughout the Courage league in this first season of home-and-away fixtures is "squad." You do not need to be Archimedes (or even Brian Moore) to appreciate that the club that uses its playing resources most sympathetically is likely to be successful.

"International players might have to say to their clubs 'I don't want to play this week' because it's not possible to go full throttle for eight months," Moore, the England and Harlequins hooker, said.

"The new home-and-away system is great for the ordinary club player, but England players must be allowed the right to stand down occasionally from the club team with the sympathetic understanding of the supporter." So the club with the greatest depth will win the league? There is every prospect of that, but the clubs who will be there at the death will be those with the best decision-makers, and there are not many of them around.

Running through the English first division, for example, takes you through Stuart Barnes, at Bath, and Rob Andrew at Wasps, both of whom will be on England duty. Then who? Two No 8s, perhaps, Dean Richards, at Leicester, and Tim Rodber at Northampton, and the sprightly young Kyran Bracken at Bristol.

There is an important role for Will Carling to play at Harlequins, should he be convinced that the club's priorities are as important at one level as his England position is at another.

If you seek a champion then it is hard to look past Bath, who travel the short step to Bristol today without their injured Lion, Jeremy Guscott. They have the all-round strength, they have a clutch of developing players such as Mike Catt (who replaces Guscott) and John Mallett, and they have Barnes, the stand-off half with the twinkling brain and boots.

Bath themselves believe the greatest threat to their three-year grip on the title will come from Leicester who, in Tony Russ, have a director of coaching who, like Ross, urges acceptance of the contentious ruck-maul law.

Dark horses? Northampton must be one. They lost their way in the second half of last season, became bogged down in a static game and began to miss their goal kicks.

Now they have Paul Grayson at stand-off, who is one of the better kickers around, and John Steele as back-up. Steele and Rob Macnaughton will be stabilising influences in a young but infinitely exciting back division which will not feature Ian Hunter against Leicester today but has been prepared by him.

Ross uses Hunter, the England (and all too briefly Lions) right wing, as one of his talking heads during coaching nights and the player himself hopes to return in a fortnight, against London Irish, after recovering from the shoulder injury he sustained in New Zealand.

The first division's only newcomers, Newcastle Gosforth, begin against Orrell, a trans-Pennine confrontation that will concentrate minds. They will miss Steve Bainbridge, the former England lock who is said to have "irreconcilable differences" with the club.

In his absence, Fergus Mitchell will join that venerable north-east institution, Terry Roberts, in the second row.

In Wales they have already been at it hammer and tongs (in the Heineken League, not the Welsh Rugby Union) since day one, with Cardiff cutting an initial dash. Today, too, such as London Welsh and Wade Dooley's Preston Grasshoppers mingle with Alton and York in the extended first round of the Pilkington Cup.

So many sponsors, so much cash. It is to be hoped that there is the skill and entertainment to match.

CLUB-BY-CLUB GUIDE TO THE COURAGE FIRST DIVISION

BATH

1992-3 position: first
Captain: J Hall
Coach: J Rowell
Predicted position: first

It is hard to look beyond Bath for the 1994 championship, given the depth of their squad and their proven playing talent. In Barnes they have one of the two genuine decision-makers in English rugby, and the only query is the consistency of their place-kicking — duties that will be with Barnes, Catt, and Carr in the league games the England under-21 stand-off half plays in an 18-match programme, the ability to kick the vital goals will pull them through against the likes of Wasps and Leicester. One of their young props must come through effectively when Chilcott retires at Christmas and it will be intriguing to see now they use their vast back-row resources.

Newcomers: C Clark (prop from Swansea), M Lloyd (wing from Bristol), M Olsen (scrum half from Llandovery), E Peters (fly h from Saracens). Departures: S O'Leary (lock to Wasps), J Webb (retired)
1993 playing record: W 11 D 0 L 1. For 355 Agst 97 Pts 22.

LEICESTER

1992-3: third
Captain: D Richards
Coach: I Smith
Predicted position: second

Leicester's victory in the Pilkington Cup last season, achieved with an inexperienced front-five forwards, suggests that they may be the team to watch during the 1990s. They may yet lack the consistency at forward to take the title away from Bath and there were immature elements in their play last season — notably against London Scottish in the cup — which need ironing out. They need to husband their resources at half back, where they will start with Kardooni and Harris, and have Gabriel and Malone in the wings, but look thin on the ground at centre. Liley is a fine goal-kicker but, were he to be injured, their reserve kickers (who would include Harris) might be tested.

Newcomers: J Aldwinckle (hooker from Rugby), G Eagle (full back from Blackheath), B Gabriel (scrum half from Bedford), N Malone (stand-off from London Irish), T Smith (lock from Bedford), C Tatcher (flanker from Saracens). Departures: none
1993 playing record: W 9 D 0 L 2 For 220 Agst 116 Pts 18

WASPS

1992-3: second
Captain: D Ryan
Coach: R Smith
Predicted position: third.

Nearly always the bridesmaid, only once (in 1990) the bride, Wasps perennially lend some unexpected way of losing league points at a vital stage but, if they can overcome this habit, they could do better than third. Once Hadley becomes available they will be able to field a huge second row, but their ability to score the points their talent suggests they should is mystifying. Old heads at half back, Andrew and Bates, will have to be rested on occasions that may leave the goal-kicking looking thin: six times last season their margins of victory were by four points or less.

Newcomers: S Cassidy (scrum half from Leicester), D Curry (prop from Rosslyn Park), N Hadley (lock from Vancouver), S Hunter (wing from Rosslyn Park), L Jackson (lock from Marlow), S O'Leary (lock from Bath), M Wedderburn (wing from Harlequins)
Departures: none
1993 playing record: W 11, D 0, L 1 For 165 Agst 116, Pts 22

HARLEQUINS

1992-3: eighth.
Captain: A Mullins.
Coaches: A Koast and R Templeton
Predicted position: fourth

Notorious under-achievers in the league to whom Jamie Salmon, as director of rugby, should bring a certain hard-headed realism. As high a position as fourth may hinge on the good health of Pears, both for his field play and his goal-kicking. If Coker is regularly available, it will strengthen resources at lock and the contest at open-side flanker between Cassell and Pepper should be worth watching. The marvellous ability is there, but getting into a consistent team groove has been beyond them so far.

Newcomers: J Cassell (flanker from Saracens), C Lewis-Jong (flanker from Saracens), M Pepper (flanker from Nottingham). Departures: M Wedderburn (wing to Wasps), P Winterbottom (retired).
1993 playing record: W 8 D 1, L 6. For 197 Agst 197 Pts 17

NORTHAMPTON

1992-3: fourth
Captain: J Olver
Coach: G Ross
Predicted position: first

Northampton's 1992-3 season was never quite the same after the August defeat by Leicester and now they make changes on and off the field. Barrie Corless has gone to Gloucester, Grayson, a back at New Zealand, and, though there is a great deal of potential, harnessing it to the end game of league rugby will not be easy. The youthful promise of Bell and Grayson is added the likes of Grayson, Pelther and Phillips, which bodes well for the future, but perhaps not yet. They could be dark horses, particularly if Grayson and Steele luck consistently.

Newcomers: M Pelcien (centre from Orrell), J Fletcher (centre from Tynedale), P Grayson (stand-off from Waterloo). Departures: D Elkington (scrum half to Bedford), J Etheridge (lock to Blackrock College), W Shelford (retired)
1993 playing record: W 6, D 0, L 4, For 215, Agst 150, Pts 16.

GLOUCESTER

1992-3: fifth
Captain: I Smith.
Coach: K Richardson
Predicted position: sixth.

Last season's flirtation with relegation concentrated Gloucester minds; wonderfully and, though they do not look to have the strength to challenge for a top-three place, they will upset a few of the more favoured teams. Barrie Corless, having overseen Northampton's return to playing prosperity, may take longer to make an impact at notoriously-conservative Kingsholm, but they showed at the end of last season they can play effective and attractive rugby. Greater consistency in goal-kicking is required.

Newcomers: R Baxter (No 8 from Exeter), B Fenley (scrum half from Moseley), A Johnson (stand-off from Leicester), B Masien (centre from Cheltenham). Departures: N Matthews (stand-off to Bristol)
1993 playing record: W 6: D 0, L 6. For 173. Agst 151 Pts 12

LONDON IRISH

1992-3: seventh
Captain: P Collins
Coaches: H Reid and L Sinnott.
Predicted position: seventh.

Where the Irish are concerned, prediction is fraught with danger but, having survived last season, their ability to cope should be better if injuries and representative calls do not disrupt them too much. They welcome a major sponsor in Anglo-Irish Bankcorp. Corcoran's goal-kicking will be critical, but they pack should be worked into a competitive unit by their New Zealand hierarchy of Hika Reid and Lee Sinnott. They enjoyed a profitable tour of Canada and reports from the Irish national development tour of South Africa suggest Burke is maturing at stand-off.

Newcomers: S Dorrian (lock from Redruth), D Dooley (centre from Saracens), R Hunter (centre from Northampton), L Thomas (back-row forward from London Welsh). Departures: N Malone (stand-off to Leicester), B Robinson (No 8 to Ballymena).
1993 playing record: W 6: D 0, L 6. For 175 Agst 223, Pts 12

BRISTOL

1992-3: sixth.
Captain: D Eves.
Coaches: D Allred and P Johnson.
Predicted position: eighth.

Whether Bristol stand or fall may hinge upon the form of Bracken at scrum half. A club of Bristol's standing should not be in such a position, but they continue to suffer from off-the-pitch disruption and the latent ability in a strong rugby-playing area has not been effectively harnessed. Bracken may prove the inspiration that the hard-working Eves needs to make his side tick and Blackmore should win them vital lineout ball. If either of those two is absent, a focal point may prove hard to discern and goal-kicking has been distinctly patchy over recent years.

Newcomers: N Matthews (fly half from Gloucester), A Sharp (prop from London Scottish). Departures: G Beconsall (scrum half to Moseley), M Lloyd (wing to Bath), J Redrup (centre to Moseley)
1993 playing record: W 6, D 0, L 6. For 148 Agst 169 Pts 12.

NEWCASTLE GOSFORTH

1992-3: Promoted as winners of second division.
Captain: N Frankland.
Coach: S Gustard
Predicted position: ninth.

Newcastle's ball has been rating steadily forward since they moved to their present ground, which is expanding again this season. With the cushion provided by Johnson's goal-kicking (more than 400 points last season), their geographical isolation may also prove an advantage, but the step up in class will be difficult to negotiate. Their forwards were a strong point last season but they will find other first-division sides as well-equipped or better and have greater validation to their play. If they can negotiate an awkward start — northern rivals Orrell away and Gloucester at home — they will have reason to hope for survival.

Newcomers: G Archer (lock from Durham City), S Cassidy (flanker from West Hartlepool), J Fowler (lock from Rosslyn Park), J Nicholson (flanker from Fylde). Departures: none.
1993 playing record (second div): W 10; D 0, L 2. For 241. Agst 106. Pts 20.

ORRELL

1992-3: ninth.
Captain: S Tabemer.
Coach: W Lyon.
Predicted position: tenth.

I hope to be proved wrong about the two northern teams occupying the basement at the season's end. The division needs two focal points for its vast collection of clubs, but Orrell found it hard to adjust to the law changes last season and are now without their perennial ball-winner at the lineout, Kimmins. They have recruited prolifically, but young players such as Naylor and Peacock must adjust swiftly to life in the first division. Whether they can do so will depend upon the ball-winning of their forwards and the experience of half backs Morris and Ainscough, whose goal-kicking will also be valuable.

Newcomers: I Bruce (wing from Preston Grasshoppers), C Cooper (lock from Liverpool St Helens), G French (hooker from LSH), P Johnson (centre from Leeds), J Naylor (wing from Old Crossleyans). Departures: S Gallagher (back-row forward to Birkenhead Park), N Hitchen (hooker to Manchester), R Kimmins (lock, retired), B Wellens (centre to LSH).
1993 playing record: W 6, D 0; L 7. For 175 Agst 183, Pts 10.

☐ *Compiled by David Hands*



Andy Robinson: hoping Bath can lift title again

Gala face tough test from Melrose

BY ALAN LORIMER

THE Scottish national league begins its 21st season today with a showpiece confrontation between two of its best teams, but in the shadow of doubts about the future viability of its present format.

It is likely that, as Scottish rugby attempts to raise its standard by playing more representative games, the championship will have to accommodate more fixtures by streamlining the top two divisions in much the same way as has happened south of the border.

If such a "premier" division were to emerge, it would contain both Melrose and Gala, whose meeting today at the Greenyards is likely to give the first round of the championship an exciting, highly competitive start.

Melrose, champions for the past two seasons, now provide the benchmark against which other aspirants must measure themselves. Quite apart from Craig Chalmers at stand-off half, the Melrose back line has talented players in Graham Shiel at inside centre, Bryan Redpath, who emerged as a skilful scrum half on Scotland's tour of the Fiji, Tonga and Western Samoa, and Gary Parker on the wing.

Melrose will seek to turn the screw up front: Doddie Weir, Carl Hogg, Rob Brown and Euan Simpson form a quartet of lineout jumpers against which Gala will struggle to compete. Gala, however, have a strong front row in Hamish Hunter, Ian Corcoran and Gary Isaac, a Scotland replacement last season; and behind the scrum lies a pacy backline marshalled by Gregor Townsend at stand-off half.

After their win over Saracens last week, Gala will go into this game with confidence. It may count for little against a Melrose team going for a hat-trick of league titles.

☐ The injured Willie Ofahengaue has withdrawn from Australia's party to tour Canada and France next month. His place goes to Tony Dempsey, the uncapped New South Wales player.

Rovers and Halifax model new fashion

BY CHRISTOPHER IRVINE

BRADFORD Northern and Leeds are likely to spearhead the challenge from east of the Pennines for the Stones Bitter rugby league championship. Less fashionable but no less deserving of honours are Halifax and Featherstone Rovers, who meet tomorrow at Thrum Hall.

The clubs are models of the new professionalism insisted upon by the Rugby Football League (RFL), investing judiciously in new players, getting their marketing act together and attracting increased crowds. Both have made encouraging starts.

Within the two communities, there is an upbeat mood of anticipation. Halifax, the last club to interrupt the Wigan-Widnes domination of the league in 1986, possess the rare advantage in the game of having money to spend. They have bought wisely in John Schuster, the former All Black rugby union centre, who has made an early scoring impact, and the two Australian forwards, David Boyd and Michael Hagan, also from Newcastle Knights.

The fact that Michael Jackson and Steve Hampson, two former Great Britain players, have not been able to make their debuts for Halifax because of injury is a problem Featherstone are familiar with. Andy Currier arrived from Widnes for a club record £150,000, but the international centre may now miss the entire season after suffering a cruciate knee ligament injury. Featherstone plugged the gap this week by signing the talented centre, Matt Calland, from Rochdale Hornets.

Injury and suspensions to seven players makes St Helens' task that much harder at Warrington, for whom the Australian prop, Craig Teitzel, will make his first appearance.

The RFL disciplinary committee has suspended four players, Carl Partington, of Rochdale, David Croft and Mark Ellis, of Hunslet, and Sonny Whakarau, of Doncaster, in a further clamp-down against violence on the field.

Real magic from Leng and Houdini


Leng: inspired ride

FROM JENNY MACARTHUR IN ACHSELSCHWANG, GERMANY

VIRGINIA Leng, who is attempting to win a fourth individual European title, rode the test of her life on Welton Houdini, her Badminton winner, yesterday to take a commanding lead of 4.2 points at the end of the rain-soaked dressage phase of the European three-day event championships in Bavaria.

Leng's superb performance on the exuberant Houdini in an arena reduced to a quagmire by heavy overnight rain, has helped to put Britain on course for a fifth successive European team title, although the Irish, not unduly worried by the going, could still offer a serious threat.

The British team, drawn to go last today, is ten points ahead of France with Holland third as the competition moves on to the influential speed and endurance phase.

Peter Thomsen, of Germany, the overnight leader, is lying second on White Girl and Piia Pantsu, 22, a riding teacher from Finland, has moved into third place on Cyna, her nine-year-old Polish mare.

Leng was visibly relieved when she heard her high score. She had had difficulty containing Houdini in the practice arena and was in two minds as to whether she should change from his usual snaffle bit to a double bridle.

Just before going into the squelching arena, Pat Manning, her trainer, told her: "You have two options — either you can play safe or you go and ride for your life." Leng did the latter and was rewarded with work of such a high quality that Houdini's few mistakes — a break in the counter canter and a poor rein-back — did little to dampen the enthusiasm of the judges for the performance.

William Fox-Pitt had already boosted the British team score with an impressive performance on Sir Michael Turner's Chaka. The Irish-bred gelding was clearly in high spirits and Fox-Pitt, making his senior team debut, did well to restrain him in some of the canter work. At the end of his elegant test Chaka shot into the air the moment the applause broke out.

Other good performances yesterday came from Mandy Stibbe-Jeakins, of Holland, on King's Jester, and Pierre Michelet, of France, on Aleq de Fondely. They are lying fifth and seventh — either side of Britain's Nick Burton on Bertie Blunt.

The dressage marks are not expected to have much bearing on the competition after today's cross-country. Because of the extreme conditions the ground jury, after consultation with Hugh Thomas, the technical delegate, has taken out three more fences from the course and the optimum time has been reduced accordingly from 12½ minutes to 11. Six minutes have been added to phase A, the first roads and tracks section. It is the wet, patchy going which is likely to have most influence on today's result. The fences, with the exception of a difficult complex between No s11 and 13, are closer to a big three-star event than a four-star, such as Burghley or Badminton.

Leng, who has won her three European titles on three different horses, is glad that she spent much of last winter hunting Houdini. "It's taught him to jump on any going," she said. She hopes to take most of the direct routes — "he's not very good at turning" — but as she is going near the end of the day she will keep an open mind until she sees how the course is riding.

RESULTS: Team (after dressage): 1, Britain, 126.60pts; 2, France, 136.80; 3, Holland, 139.00; 4, Germany, 143.60; 5, Sweden 151.80; 6, Ireland, 158.0. Individual: 1, Karen Hoiseni (V Leng, GB), 35.8; 2, White Girl (P Thomsen, Ger), 41.0; 3, Cyna (P Pantzu, Fin), 42.4. Other British: 6, Bertie Blunt (N Burton) 43.8; 15, Chaka (W Fox-Pitt), 46.0; 21, Song and Dance Man (K Gifford), 47.2; 23, Troubleshooter (H Bell), 49.4; 44, The Cool Customer (C Bache), 57.8.

Swales dreams on amid City turmoil

BY ROB HUGHES, FOOTBALL CORRESPONDENT

PETER J. Swales is the proof that Walter Mitty lives, breathes and to some extent rules English football. "We are," he has said, "in the business of backing dreams."

At Wembley on Wednesday, he walked out with royalty, as chairman of the FA national committee, introducing the Duchess of Kent to the nation's finest. Today, he might need a police escort to take his seat in the Manchester City directors' box, where the "forward with Franny" brigade promises yet another mass turnout against Swales, this time in his role as chairman at Maine Road.

A short man, born poor, he worked his way up and has got through a dozen team managers in two turbulent decades with City.

Now, if myriad press conferences come to anything, one of his former leading players, Francis Lee, is ready to oust him for good from the board. There is bluff and counter-bluff in this little passage of City's history, and despite Swales's announcement yesterday that he would after all sell out if "the right bid" of some £15 million was forthcoming, do not bank on Chairman Swales's considerable obstinacy giving way.

He has the looks, the diminutive size, of a Charles Aznavour. He sounds more like Sinatra, doing it his way, making his own mistakes, all for the love of the game. And to think now that the bustling old forward, Lee, might be the one to nudge him off his Cuban heels, is far fetched.

But there is serious implication in the turmoil around one of England's leading clubs. Swales is literally the fishmonger's son, who has struggled for 20 years restlessly seeking to compete with the son of a pork butcher, Martin Edwards, the chief executive of Manchester United.

For a man who represents such high office in the FA, his record of hiring and firing does little credit to his sport. He knows it, and when you catch him on a contemplative day, he owns up to it. In 1982, sitting in the Maine Road boardroom, he told me: "When I go home at night, I think of all the mistakes I've made. I agree that chairmen are responsible for the state of football, and the one thing I dearly want now is stability." Stability? His turnover of managers has doubled since then: five more have been dismissed, and three resigned

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in Swales's second decade, and not a trophy won.

Of course, in common with most other grounds, Maine Road has been virtually rebuilt under his stewardship. There has, despite some ludicrous buying and selling of players, and some ravaging deeper problems of changing the entire backroom staff and youth policies with succeeding managers, been evident proof of the accountancy training that Swales undertook before his national service.

He is neither a simpleton nor, as increasingly becomes the case now that high finance overrules sport, a villain. Yet his own business sense, in which he built up a chain of TV and electrical shops, sold it, and began new entrepreneurial work, has little reflection in the light blue of Manchester City.

Nor is he too precise in recounting figures. A week ago, justifying the freedom and the backing he claims he has given every manager, he wrote that he allowed Malcolm Allison to buy Steve Daley for £1.75 million. He told me, somewhat closer to that calamitous purchase, that the correct figure was a million. So when he says Peter Reid, the last unfortunate fired manager, was given figures such as £2.5 million for Keith Curle and £2.1 million for Terry Phelan, you wonder how much window-dressing there is in the sums.

And yet, few people question that Swales has City at heart, only that he oscillates between over-spending and over-caution. Whether Francis Lee intends to come to City with millions — he has been careful not to say how much is available — is mere speculation. But Swales, with 33 per cent of the shares, his friend, the Manchester businessman, Stephen Boler, with the same amount, and the brewery, Greenall Whitley, with 20 per cent, began the week saying there was no prospect of a sale, and through Swales yesterday, spelt out the price.

On the same day, yet another City bid for a player, £1.5 million for the Middlesbrough defender, Alan Kernaghan, was rejected. Perhaps before the "forward with Franny" protesters mass outside Maine Road, they will ascertain whether their hero really has fallen back in love with the game. A couple of years ago, ensconced in the horse racing world where Lee successfully breeds and trains thoroughbreds, he said the modern game left him cold.

The whole game, played off the field around the blue half of Manchester, does no good to the well-being of the club, the aspirations of the supporters, or the game at large. And still the biggest stumbling block to change will be that Swales himself will with the very greatest reluctance cling to his seat, for without that, he cannot command power at the FA. Walter Mitty dreams on.

ALAN COZZI


Swales is walking a fine line at Maine Road

Arsenal pair sign new deals

BY KEITH PIKE

DAVID Seaman and Tony Adams have signed extensions to their contracts with Arsenal, George Graham, the club's manager, said yesterday, and two of their England colleagues, full backs Nigel Winterburn and Lee Dixon, are expected to do the same next week. "It shows we think they are capable of staying at the top for a while yet," Graham said.

Dixon, who misses Arsenal's game against Ipswich Town at Highbury today, is to seek a second opinion from a specialist about the foot injury that has prevented him playing since the first day of the season, but it is the mental strain on his leading players that worries Graham more as they return from their World Cup exertions on Wednesday to FA Carling Premiership duty.

"Without question, an international game takes more out of players than a club game, physically but especially mentally," Graham said. "There is so much hype about England games that they are not able to relax."

Graham's England contingent of Seaman, Adams and Wright — plus Limpar and Jensen, who played World Cup games for Sweden and Denmark respectively — are all in the Arsenal squad. Marshall, Ipswich's summer signing from Oldham Athletic, returns from injury.

Graham's foreboding will have been shared by Alex Ferguson, the Manchester United manager, who had ten players on international duty in midweek. All have returned fit, however, and are in the squad for the visit to Chelsea.

Power-cut on agenda for Sports Council



SIMON BARNES

On Saturday

THOSE who seek power — real power, rather than the self-glorifying appearance of power — know that anything that distracts from your involvement is good. And that is what makes the world of sport so perfect a world for the power-seeker. Sport is the perfect cover for any amount of power-broking. Thus the world has Juan Antonio Samaranch, João Havelange, Primo Nebiolo, and many others aspiring to such heights. They build and consolidate their power-bases while the world is transfixed by Linford Christie or Diego Maradona.

This country has a tradition of constructing enclaves of pure civil service power. In sport, instead of a single secret tyrant, there is the Sports Council, a quango run with taxpayers' money. The Sports Council has for years been running the show: a niche of power with too little accountability.

But times change, and the Sports Council is entering a new area of turbulent water. Trouble began with the disbanding of the UK Sports Commission, a body set up by the former minister for sport, Robert Atkins. When it was set up, it met with great derision — but not from the Sports Council, who saw it as a means to greater power.

And a second blow falls: the National Audit Office, has recently been scrutinising the Sports Council. I gather that a new report, to be published later this year, will be critical, in particular, of their handling of the financial arrangements for the four national sports centres at Crystal Palace, Bisham Abbey, Lilleshall and Plas y Brenin.

There are many tough and influential people in sport who hope these will be seen in times to come as nails in the Sports Council's coffin. What such people seek is direct government control of sporting matters — instead of allowing sport to exist as a power-base of pure bureaucracy.

Wound-up

The question of power and accountability in sport brings us ineluctably to football club chairman. So let us talk about Garry Gibson, chairman of Hartlepool, which is not the most obvious of power-bases, but there you go. Last February, Gibson, famous for strong and outrageous statements, many of them made through his column in *The Northern Echo*, sacked his manager, Alan Murray, reckoned to be the most successful at the club since Brian Clough. Hartlepool were, as ever, strapped for cash and Murray accepted his pay-off in instalments. However, the latest cheque in the series bounced. Murray, outraged, has threatened to take out a winding-up order on his former club. This story was duly reported by the *Echo*. Gibson, outraged, has now threatened to take his own paper to the Press Complaints Commission.

That's my boy?

Meanwhile, we have a new Maradona to trouble the world: little Diego, or Dieguito. This is Diego Sinhera, an eight-year Neapolitan who is allegedly the illegitimate son of Big Diego: a winsome little lad (which fact alone you would think enough to disprove paternity), Dieguito has been having trials in a prominent Naples boys' football scheme, and he has been doing very well indeed. "The New Spearhead", one newspaper has called him. Pictures of the lad strutting his stuff with a ball have been appearing — and naturally, they have found their way back to Buenos Aires, Big Diego's home town. Don't ask Diego what he thinks of it all. With Maradona himself, the subject is taboo. Neither Diego nor his agent will say a thing.



WEEKEND FIXTURES

FOOTBALL

3.0 kick off

FA Carling Premiership
Arsenal v Ipswich
Aston Villa v Coventry
Chelsea v Manchester Utd
Manchester City v QPR
Norwich v Wimbledon
Oldham v Everton
Sheffield Utd v Tottenham
Southampton v Leeds (all ticket)
West Ham v Swindon

Endsleigh Insurance League

First division
Barnsley v Nottm Forest
Charlton v Millwall (all ticket)
Derby v Peterborough
Grimsby v Watford
Luton v Bolton
Notts County v West Brom
Oxford Utd v Bristol City
Southend v Middlesbrough
Stoke v Tranmere
Wolverhampton v Portsmouth

Second division
Barnet v Bournemouth
Bradford v Blackpool
Brentford v Swansea
Bristol Rovers v Port Vale
Burnley v Fulham
Cambridge Utd v Rotherham
Cardiff v Hull
Hartlepool v Stockport
Huddersfield v Exeter
Plymouth v Leyton Orient
Wrexham v Reading
York v Brighton

Third division
Bury v Wycombe
Carlisle v Chesterfield
Chester v Scunthorpe
Colchester v Rochdale
Darlington v Shrewsbury
Gillingham v Torquay
Hereford v Northampton
Mansfield v Lincoln
Preston v Doncaster
Walsall v Crewe
Wigan v Scarborough

GM Vauxhall Conference
*Altrincham v Kidderminster
*Kettering v Merthyr
Runcorn v Halifax
*Slough v Stafford
*Southport v Bath
Woking v Macclesfield
Yeovil v Witton
*pools matches

Scottish League

Premier division
Dundee Utd v Dundee
Hibernian v Aberdeen
Kilmarnock v St Johnstone
Motherwell v Hearts
Raith v Celtic
Rangers v Partick

First division
Brechin v Ayr
Clyde v Hamilton
Clydebank v Morton
Falkirk v Airdrie
St Mirren v Dumbarton
Stirling v Dunfermline

Second division
Albion v Stenhousemuir
Alloa v Stranraer
Arbroath v Queen's Park
Cowdenbeath v Berwick
Meadowbank v East Fife
Forfar v Montrose
Queen Of South v East Stirling

DIADORA LEAGUE: Premier division: Hayes v Sutton Utd; Marlow v Aylesbury. First division: Barking v Boreham Wood; Walton and Hersham v Uxbridge. Second division: Maldon Vale v Ware. Third division: Bracknell v Leighton; Clapton v Hertford; Feltham and Hounslow B v Camberley; Horsham v Tring; Royston v Oxford City.

NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE: Premier division: Accrington Stanley v Marine.

NORTHERN COUNTIES EAST LEAGUE: Premier division: Belper v Eccleshill; Glasshoughton Wel v Armthorpe Welfare; Pontefract Col v Ashfield; Stocksbridge P S v Ossett Albion.

NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE: First division: Congleton v Eastwood Town; Gt Harwood v Caernarfon; Mossley v Farsley Celtic; Radcliffe Borough v Workington.

FEDERATION BREWERY NORTHERN LEAGUE: First division: Ferryhill v Brandon; West Auckland v Durham.

CARLING NORTH WEST COUNTIES: First division: Bacup Borough v Chadderton; Bradford Park Avenue v Prescot; Eastwood Hanley v Maine Road (Man); Kidsgrove v Blackpool Rovers; Skelmersdale v Penrith.

BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Premier division: Cheltenham v Crawley Town. Midland division: VS Rugby v Evesham.

JEWSON LEAGUE: First division: Diss v Norwich Utd; Fakenham v Histon; Haverhill Rovers v Tiptree; Soham Town v Sudbury; Stowmarket v Gorleston.

GREAT MILLS LEAGUE: Premier division: Bristol Manor Farm v Minehead, Torrington v Liskeard.

SOUTH EAST COUNTIES LEAGUE: First division: Chelsea v Fulham; Gillingham v QPR; Leyton Orient v Charlton; Millwall v Southend; Portsmouth v Ipswich, Tottenham v Cambridge; Watford v Arsenal; West Ham v Norwich. Second division: Bristol R v Bournemouth; Colchester v Southampton, Crystal Palace v Bristol C; Luton v Tottenham, Reading v Oxford; Swindon v Brentford; Wimbledon v Brighton.

TNT GOLD CUP: Sectional Matches: Ballyclare v Bangor; Carrick v Glenavon, Coleraine v Crusaders; Larne v Glentoran, Linfield v Cliftonville; Newry v Ards; Omagh Town v Distillery; Portadown v Ballymena.

BORD GAIS LEAGUE OF IRELAND: Premier division: Drogheda Utd v Bohemians (5.30).

KONICA LEAGUE OF WALES: Afan Lido v Newtown; Caersws v Briton Ferry; Conwy v Inter Cardiff, Dwmbran v Bangor (2.30), Flint Town Utd v Maesteg Park; Haverfordwest v Mold; Holywell v Aberystwyth (2.30), Llansantffraid v Ebbw Vale; Porthmadog v Llanelli; Ton Pentre v Connah's Quay (2.30).

FA CUP: First qualifying round: Billingham Town v Billingham Synthonia, Yorkshire Amateur v Dunston F B, Gateshead v Blyth Spartans; Chester-Le-St Town v Consett, Evenwood v Hebburn; Gretna v Seaham Red Star, Barrow v Gussborough, Harrogate 21 W v Harrogate Town, Shildon v Easington Colliery; Pickering v Northallerton, Bishop Auckland v Netherfield; Newcastle Blue Star v Prudhoe East End; Tow Law v Murton; Lancaster v Stockton; Whitley Bay v Spennymoor; Whitby v Crook; Alnwick v Bamber Bridge; Arnold v Leek; Northwich Victoria v Emley; Ashton v Atherton L R, Clitheroe v Curzon Ashton; Warrington v Matlock; Stalybridge Celtic v Fleetwood, Bootle v Burscough, Glossop North End v Goole; Denaby v Morecambe, Darwen v Flixton, Guiseley v Ilkeston, Ossett Town v Winsford; Buxton v Gainsborough Trinity; Heanor v Hucknall, Maltby M W v North Ferriby; Lincoln v Nantwich, Chorley v Horwich R M I; Liversedge v Newcastle Town; Rossendale v St Helens; Salford v Knowsley; Colwyn Bay v Hyde; Sheffield v Thackley, Willenhall v West Midlands Police; Winterton v Nuneaton Borough, Droylsden v Brigg, Worksop v Wednesfield; Armitage 90 v Boldmere St Michaels; Cheadown v Solihull Borough; Bromsgrove v Gresley; Bedworth v Bridgnorth; Dudley v Hinckley; Desborough v Raunds; Telford v Halesowen, Evesham v Leicester U; Northampton Spencer v Pershore, Oldbury v Pelsall Villa; Atherstone v Hednesford, Paget v Redditch, Rothwell v Stourbridge; Rushden and Diamonds v Sutton Coldfield, Burton Albion v Moor Green; Sandwell Boro v Stratford; Bishops Stortford v Burnham; Billericay v Anstey, Boston v Braintree, Basildon v Canvey Island; Felixstowe v Heybridge Swifts, Gt Yarmouth v Hendon, Cambridge City v Berkhamsted, Harwich and Parkeston v Eynesbury; Kings Lynn v Sudbury; March Town v Wivenhoe, Chelmsford v Newmarket, Spalding v Stamford AFC; Wisbech v East Thurrock, Lowestoft v Witham; Stevenage Borough v Wembley, Corby v Warrion, Cornard v Halstead, Barton v Arlesey; Dagenham and Redbridge v Hitchin; Baldock v Brook House, Edgware v Flackwell Heath, Chesham v Burnham, Chesham v St Albans; Chalfont St Peter v Dunstable; Harefield v Hornchurch, Hanwell Borough v Hampton; Enfield v Welling; Hemel Hempstead v Kempston, Langford v Purfleet; Ruislip Manor v Leyton, Grays v Yeading, Kingsbury v Northwood, Tilbury v Southall; Staines v Chertsey; Harrow Borough v Wealdstone; Viking Sp v Wingate and Finchley; Burgess Hill v Chatham Bedford v Canterbury; Kingstonian v Ashford Banstead v Bognor Regis, Eastbourne v Greenwich Borough; Croydon v Chipstead, Hastings v Molesey, Corinthian v Croydon, Fisher v Herne Bay, Erith and Belvedere v Deal; Sittingbourne v Dover Gravesend and Northfleet v Epsom and Ewell; Lewes v Met Police, Langney v Leatherhead, Bromley v Dulwich Hamlet, Margate v Pagham, Ringmer v Southwick; Ramsgate v Basingstoke, Carshalton v Havant; Sheppey v Portfield; Tooting and Mitcham v Wick, Tonbridge v Bemerton Heath Harr, Dorking v Worthing, Whitstable v Whyteleafe, Brockenhurst v Eastleigh; Buckingham v Andover; Bashley v Abingdon, Calne v Cove, Hungerford v Newport IOW, Peacehaven and Telscombe v Lymington, Dorchester v Wokingham Maidenhead v Newbury, Poole v Wimborne, Thame v Witney Wanerdoville v Salisbury, Thatcham v Totton, Bridport v Elmore, Chippenham v Weymouth, Gloucester City v Clevedon, Cinderford v Barnstaple, Frome v Moreton; Odd Down v Forest Green; Trowbridge v Newport AFC, Mangotsfield v Melksham, Shortwood v Weston-Super-Mare, Taunton v Saltash Worcester City v Tiverton, Paulton v Yate

RUGBY UNION

Courage Clubs Championship
First division
Bristol v Bath
Gloucester v Wasps
Harlequins v London Irish
Northampton v Leicester
Orrell v Newcastle Gosforth

Second division
London Scottish v Sale
Nottingham v Otley
Saracens v Moseley
Wakefield v Rugby
West Hartlepool v Waterloo

Pilkington Cup
First Round
Alton v St Ives
Berry Hill v Henley
Bradford and Bingley v Tynedale
Brixham v Reading
Broadstreet v Birmingham and Solihull
Camborne v Wimborne
Cheshunt v High Wycombe
Chiltern v Worthing
Durham City v Wolverhampton
Kettering v Widnes
Lichfield v Walsall
Welsh v Windsor
Lydney v Maidstone
New Brighton v Wigton
North Walsham v Met Police
Nuneaton v Hereford
Old Midwhitgiftians v Bridgwater and Albion
Preston Grasshoppers v Stoke
Ruislip v Tabard
Scunthorpe v Wharfedale
Southend v Cambridge
Stockton v Syston
Stourbridge v Camp Hill
Stroud v Basingstoke
Westombe Park v Ealing
Weston-super-Mare v Barking
Winnington Park v Rotherham
York v Kendal

McEwan's National League
First division
Edinburgh Acads v Jed-Forest
Hawick v West of Scotland
Kelso v Heriots F.P.
Melrose v Gala (2.00)
Stewarts Mel F.P v Boroughmuir
Stirling County v Selkirk
Watsonians v Currie

Second division
Biggar v Wigtownshire
Clarkston v Ayr
Dundee HSFP v Kirkcaldy
Edinburgh Wndrs v Preston Lodge
Glasgow Acads v Peebles
Grangemouth v Glasgow High
Musselburgh v Haddington

Third division: East Kilbride v Royal High; Hillhead/Jordanhill v Hutchenson's Aloy, Kilmarnock v Dunfermline, Langholm v Gordonians, Perthshire v Dumfries; Portobello F P v Stewarty; Fourth division: Aberdeen GSFP v St Boswells, Alloa v Morgan Acads; Ardrossan Accies v Edinburgh U; Carina Q P v Trinity Acads; Lasrk Acads v Cambuslang, Livingston v Highland; N Berwick v Dalkeith HSFP

Heineken National League
First division
Cross Keys v Swansea (2.30)
Dunvant v Aberavon (2.30)
Llanelli v Newport (2.30)
Neath v Bridgend (2.30)
Newbridge v Cardiff (2.30)
Pontypridd v Pontypool (2.30)

Second division
Abertillery v Treorchy (2.30)
Ebbw Vale v Maesteg (2.30)
Glamorgan W v Llanharan (2.30)
Llandovery v S W Police (2.30)
Mount Ash v Tenby United (2.30)
Narberth v Penarth (2.30)

Third division: Blackwood v Aberavon Quins, Blaina v Bonymaen, Kenfig Hill v Tondu, St Peters v Ystradgynlais; Tredegar v Abercynon, Tumble v Pontypool

Fourth division: Builth Wells v Pyle, Carmarthen v Cardiff Quins, Caerphilly v Vardre Garndiffaith v Oakdale, Kidwelly v Wrexham; Rumney v Whitland

Club matches
Askeans v Thurrock
Aspatria v Fylde
Bedford v Richmond
Birkenhead Park v Liverpool St Helens
Broughton Park v Manchester
Harrogate v Blackheath
Havant v Sutton and Epsom
Middlesbrough v Sheffield
Morley v Leeds
Plymouth v Exeter
Rosslyn Park v Clifton
Taunton v Redruth

NATIONAL CONFERENCE LEAGUE: Premier division: Dudley Hill v Nottingham City (2.30), Hemel Hempstead v Chorley (2.30), Leigh Mill v Askam (2.30); Saddleworth v West Hull (2.30), Wigan St Patricks v Blackpool (2.30), Wolston v Egremont (2.30).

CRICKET

Britannic Assurance county championship
Third day of four
10.30, 110 overs minimum
DERBY: Derbyshire v Northamptonshire
CARDIFF: Glamorgan v Essex
BRISTOL: Gloucestershire v Nottinghamshire
SOUTHAMPTON: Hampshire v Leicestershire
LORD'S: Middlesex v Lancashire
EDGBASTON: Warwickshire v Somerset
SCARBOROUGH: Yorkshire v Sussex

Third youth Test
First day of four
OLD TRAFFORD: England Under-19 v West Indies Under-19

OTHER SPORT

GOLF: GA European Open (East Sussex National)
ICE HOCKEY: French's Trophy: Toronto Maple Leafs v New York Rangers (Wembley Arena)
SNOOKER: Grand Prix qualifying tournament (Blackpool).
SPEEDWAY: First division: Bradford v Cradley Heath (7.30), Coventry v Eastbourne (7.30); King's Lynn v Poole (7.30). Second division: Swindon v Peterborough (7.30).
TENNIS: Reebok Tour Final (Stourbridge)

TOMORROW

FOOTBALL

3.0 unless stated

FA Carling Premiership
Liverpool v Blackburn (4.0)

Endsleigh Insurance League

First division
Crystal Palace v Sunderland
Leicester v Birmingham (all ticket)

BORD GAIS LEAGUE OF IRELAND: Premier division: Cobh Ramblers v Galway; Derry v Dundalk (5.30); Limerick v Monaghan (3.30); Shamrock v Cork (3.30)

FA CUP: First qualifying round: Bridlington v Frickley.

WOMEN: Premier division: (2.0 unless stated): Arsenal v Ipswich (12.30), Leasowe Pacific v Wembley; Stanton Rangers v Millwall Lionesses; Wimbledon v Knowsley. Postponed: Red Star Southampton v Doncaster Belles. First division North: Bronte v Nottingham Argyle; Kidderminster v St Helens, Sheffield Wednesday v Abbeydale Alvechurch; Villa Aztecs v Cowgate Kestrels, Wolves v Langford.

First division South: Bromley Borough v Hassocks; Hemel Hempstead v Bristol; Horsham v Town and County, Maidstone Tigresses v Epsom and Ewell, Oxford United v Brighton and Hove Albion

CRICKET

Tour match
First day of three
10.30, 104 overs maximum
Canterbury: Kent v Zimbabweans

Axa Equity & Law League
11.0, 50 overs
DERBY: Derbyshire v Northamptonshire
CARDIFF: Glamorgan v Essex
BRISTOL: Gloucestershire v Nottinghamshire
SOUTHAMPTON: Hampshire v Leicestershire
LORD'S: Middlesex v Lancashire
EDGBASTON: Warwickshire v Somerset
SCARBOROUGH: Yorkshire v Sussex

Minor Counties Championship
Final
10.30, 55 overs
WORCESTER: Cheshire v Staffordshire

RUGBY LEAGUE

3.0 unless stated

Stones Bitter Championship
Bradford v Sheffield
Castleford v Hull (3.30)
Halifax v Featherstone
Hull K R v Oldham (3.15)
Leigh v Wakefield
Salford v Widnes
Warrington v St Helens

Second division
Barrow v Highfield (2.30)
Bramley v Carlisle (3.30)
Dewsbury v Whitehaven (3.30)
Hunslet v Huddersfield (3.30)
Rochdale v Keighley
Ryedale York v Batley (3.15)
Workington v Swinton

OTHER SPORT

ATHLETICS: Princes Street Mile (Edinburgh)
GOLF: GA European Open: Final round (East Sussex National)
ICE HOCKEY: French's Trophy: Toronto Maple Leafs v New York Rangers (Wembley Arena).

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POWER CUTS ON THE CARDS FOR SPORTS COUNCIL

Marseilles president gives up legal fight to have club reinstated in European Cup

Tapie decides to put country before club



Waddle: 1991 move

BY JOHN GOODBODY

THE international football authorities yesterday won their battle of nerves with Marseilles when the French champions withdrew their legal action to have the right to defend the European Cup they won last season.

With the sport on the brink of chaos and France on the verge of being banned from all international football, Bernard Tapie, the president of Marseilles, who are alleged to have tried to fix a French league match last season, gave up the chance to continue the legal fight against Uefa and Fifa.

Although Tapie had been granted an injunction by a court in Berne, lifting Uefa's ban on Marseilles playing in the European Cup, which begins on Wednesday, he received letters and phone calls yesterday from leading French officials, warning about the consequences, if he pursued his action in the courts in Switzerland, where the two governing bodies are based.

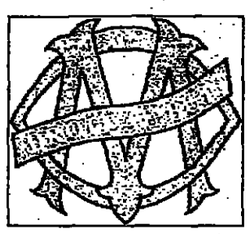
Guido Tognoni, a Fifa spokesman, described Tapie's withdrawal as a "victory for common sense. We cannot allow everyone who is unhappy with a decision to go to a civil court."

Tapie, a business tycoon and socialist politician, said in Marseilles: "French football was in danger of disappearing from the international scene. Only by abandoning our lawsuit could French football have been saved. I hope our supporters, our players and our officials will be recognised for putting France's interests above their own individual interests."

The French Football Federation has refused to act against Marseilles before the police complete their enquiries into claims that a Marseilles official and player tried to fix a match against Valenciennes on May 20. Tapie has always denied the allegations.

However, the federation realised that France's participation in the 1994 World Cup Finals and its staging of the 1998 global tournament were in jeopardy unless Tapie conceded defeat.

Fifa officials summoned Jean Fournet-Fayard, the federation president, to Zurich yesterday to warn him of the consequences if Marseilles continued their struggle. He was still trying to persuade



Tapie at 2am, telling the Marseilles president what the federation would do.

He said: "If the lawsuit had not been withdrawn, we would have been faced by a terrible choice — write a club as prestigious as Marseilles off the football map or sabotage our international prospects. However, between a club and our national interest, we would not have hesitated."

Noel Le Graet, the president of the French Football League, sent a letter to Tapie, stating: "I solemnly ask you to withdraw the legal action you have opened against Uefa, which will inevitably lead to a dramatic situation which will spare no one."

Fifa takes a strong line on civil court action by clubs, as it showed last year when Flamengo, from Rio de Janeiro, also considered legal action. However, Fifa and Uefa must be confident of their grounds this time, because if the French courts finally clear Marseilles of the match-fixing allegations, Tapie might consider restarting his action.

Monaco will now replace Marseilles in the European Cup against AEK Athens on Wednesday and Auxerre will take Monaco's place in the Uefa Cup against Tenerife.

Tapie remained buoyant yesterday saying that he hoped Uefa would allow Marseilles to play the Super Cup, between the winners of last season's European Cup and the European Cup Winners' Cup, against Parma of Italy, and the Inter-Continental Cup against São Paolo, Brazil, the South American Cup winners.

However, he told a news conference that there was no question of having reached a deal with Uefa over dropping his lawsuit. He said: "If it proved possible, we would have shown once again that we know how to behave off the pitch as well as on it. But there has been no deal."

Nonetheless, the club does need nearly £10 million to cover its loss of revenue from not playing in the European Cup. Half has been guaranteed by local authorities and Tapie said that he personally would cover the rest.

Meanwhile, further allegations have been made about the finances of Marseilles. Agence France Presse, the French news agency, yesterday reported that Tapie used up to £5 million from one of his companies to buy Chris Waddle from Tottenham Hotspur in 1991.

The agency said it had seen a public audit office report which examined Testut, the weighing scales manufacturers, of Bethune, near Lille, that said that between £4 and £5 million was included in the 1991 accounts for Waddle's transfer. However, a spokesman for Bernard Tapie Finances, which owns Testut, denied any money was used for non-company business.

Junxia a hare who ate stewed turtle

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

WANG Junxia may have broken the women's 10,000m world record by the astonishing margin of 42 seconds in Beijing on Wednesday, but the athletics world at large has responded with more raised eyebrows than applauding hands.

The Chinese runner, world junior champion in 1992 and world champion in Stuttgart last month, completed the distance in 29min 31.78secs, obliterating the 30:13.74 mark set by Ingrid Kristiansen, of Norway, in 1986.

Kristiansen has led the chorus questioning Chinese credentials. "Wang Junxia is a very talented runner," she said. "But there are question marks. How can a 20-year-old girl improve her personal best by more three minutes in less than a year?"

Lyn Jennings, the US runner, said the record was tragic for the sport, adding: "I don't know what this smells of". Annette Sergent-Palluy, of France, a former world cross country champion, said: "It's difficult to believe, simply too much." Another French long-distance runner, Farida Fates, said: "What Wang did is truly inhuman."

"Well," Kristiansen concluded, "she's certainly not eating porridge."

No, she isn't. She eats stewed soft-shelled turtle. Ma Junren, who coaches Wang, told the *Liberation Daily* of Shanghai yesterday that he had bought a soft-shelled turtle weighing 10lbs and stewed it for his athletes before the competition. He revealed that he also feeds them pollen and ginseng.

"The International Olympic Committee has never banned athletes from taking natural foods," Ma said. "Don't foreign athletes also eat these things?"

Another Shanghai newspaper, the *Xinmin Evening News*, published a detailed account of Wang's post-race urine collection for drug testing in what seemed a clear attempt to counter the growing foreign scepticism.

Primo Nebiolo, president of the International Amateur Athletic Federation, however, was not surprised by the new record. "Cuba, a country of nine million people, has had great champions and world record-holders," he said. "Why can't China, with 1.2 billion people, have success, too? I think they will continue to be a surprise."

Asked whether the IAAF was satisfied with drug-testing in China, he said: "We follow all our federation members in doping controls. We are doing the same for China. If we find some positive cases, we will announce it to all the world."

☐ Andrea Wallace has declared herself fit to challenge Zola Pieterse, of South Africa, in the Bupa Great London run on Sunday. The Torbay international has recovered from tonsillitis. The Great London Run, which covers a 10km out-and-back course from Surrey Quays to Tower Bridge, is restricted to women only and has an entry of more than 3,000 runners.

HUGH ROUTLEDGE



Young Buster, ridden for the first time by Pat Eddery, overhauls Salatin, left, to win at Doncaster yesterday. Racing, pages 36-37

Horton eager to sign Kernaghan

BY KEITH PIKE

BRIAN Horton, the manager of Manchester City football club, has not given up hope of signing Alan Kernaghan, the Republic of Ireland defender, despite having a bid of £1.5 million rejected by Middlesbrough yesterday.

"We will be discussing the situation again next week," Horton said. He will stay in England when the team travels to Turkey for an exhibition match, hoping to resume talks with Middlesbrough. His chairman, Peter Swales, has meanwhile indicated he would be willing to sell his majority shareholding in the club "if the right offer came and it was right for the club".

Lennie Lawrence, the Middlesbrough manager who has recently turned down a £1 million offer for his striker, Paul Wilkinson, from Everton, and has received other enquiries about his teenaged midfield player, Alan Moore, is determined to keep hold of the players who have helped his side to win their first four Endsleigh Insurance League first division matches.

Middlesbrough are the only senior club in England with a 100 per cent league record. "I want to hold on to my best players to bid for a place in the Premiership," Lawrence said.

Kernaghan, who scored for Ireland against Lithuania on Wednesday, was out of contract and available in the summer, but signed a new three-year contract last week.

His next appearance for Ireland might have been alongside Steve Bruce if Jack Charlton had had his way, but the Ireland manager's attempt to recruit the Manchester United defender appears to have been rebuffed by the Football Association.

After learning that Newcastle-born Bruce, 32, has Irish grandparents, Charlton asked his national association to check the player's possible qualification. But David Bloomfield, a spokesman for the FA, said: "Bruce's appearances for England Youth include the 1979 Uefa championship and, according to Fifa regulations, anybody who plays in a competitive international for one country cannot switch to another."

Steve Bull, the Wolverhampton Wanderers and former England striker, will appear before an FA disciplinary committee on September 23 over allegations that he punched Mel Pejic, of Wrexham, during a pre-season game. Bull, who has been charged with misconduct, has asked for a personal hearing.

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Lauda flourishes tools to restore Ferrari

Oliver Holt examines a former champion's efforts to rekindle glories of a Formula One legend

Like a plotter lobbying for co-conspirators, Niki Lauda flitted from one grand prix huddle to another, darting between motor homes, poring over papers, flicking sharp glances at his companions. His cause is the racing rehabilitation of Ferrari, a symbol of Italian culture every bit as potent as pasta or Pavarotti. But his listeners are not yet persuaded.

Nor are the fanatical Italian followers who will flock to Monza tomorrow for the Italian grand prix in the faint hope of witnessing a car emblazoned with the famous prancing horse take the chequered flag for the first time in almost three years and more than 40 races.

Although the definition of Lauda's role in the resurrection of the team with whom he won world drivers' championships in 1975 and 1977 remains essentially vague, his appointment as a "consultant" with the Italians two years ago raised hopes that his presence might have the same galvanising effect as when he arrived at Maranello in 1974 in the midst of a similar barren spell.

He was handed his new role by the Ferrari president, Luca di Montezemolo, in the hope that the wisdom of a long and successful Formula One career could be imparted to the team's drivers.

However, his brief has expanded — he is trying to recruit a new aerodynamicist to replace the outgoing Harvey Postlethwaite — and with it, the media attention that is focused on him.

In trademark trench-coat and peaked cap, worn to hide the scars of his crash at the Nurburgring in the 1976 German grand prix, the Austrian draws a gaggle of photographers whenever he stops to chat in the grand prix paddock.

His relationship with the glamorous former Brabham driver, Giovanna Amati, is the cover-story stuff of which magazine editors dream.

Accordingly, he has assumed a somewhat furtive, hunted air amid the intensity of media interest in the week leading up to the Italian grand prix that puts almost unbearable pressure on what is still the most wealthy team in Formula One.

"The publicity and the speculation do not bother me personally," he said. "I have had to deal with it for a long time now and I can cope with it.

"But the level of expectation here among the fans and the press is higher than anywhere else and inhibits what the team can do.

"But I am still confident we can get back to a position where we are winning grands prix regularly again. We are getting there slowly, but it will not happen in the blink of an eye. We are still paying a heavy price because three years ago we fell behind in the computer-driven technology that has come to dominate the sport.



Lauda: focal point

He added: "Now we have to come up with a quick solution to a problem that other teams have spent a long time working on and we have to do it under the kind of pressure that is being brought to bear on us this week."

Lauda shares the burden of expectation with the recently appointed racing manager, Jean Todt, di Montezemolo and the respected British technical director, John Barnard, who is working on a new passive suspension car for next season at the team's purpose-built English base in Shalford, Surrey.

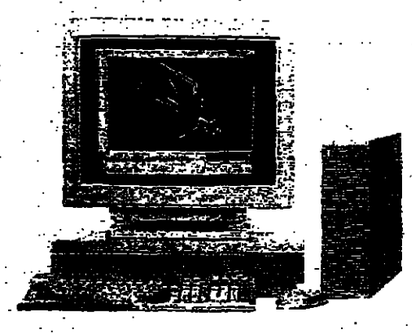
Many of the team's problems stem from its abandonment of an active-suspension project three years ago. While it stopped, others pressed on and the team has suffered. But next year, with active suspension prohibited, Barnard may be able to work his magic. Just in time, too. Although Ferrari is the most successful name in Formula One history, with 103 wins to McLaren's 102, the team has not enjoyed a victory since Alain Prost and Nigel Mansell finished first and second in the 1990 Spanish grand prix.

This season, their lavishly paid drivers, Gerhard Berger and Jean Alesi, have managed only two third places between them.

"We are being pressured to get results now because three years ago, the team let the ball slip and dropped the active system it was working on," Barnard said. "There is a certain temperament here which is different from the British one-foot-in-front-of-the-other approach, where you slog along with a stream of oaths and get there in the end.

"Consequently, other people plugged on and, out of the public eye, went through the pain we are now having. Ferrari is always in the public eye, so when you have a problem like this, it is one hundred times worse for us."

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The essence of sexual attraction

The idea of a genuine love potion has tantalised for centuries. Throwing caution to the winds, James Hepburn *sniffs the latest scent*



FRANCOIS BOUCHER/BRIDGEMAN GALLERY

Stuck in the small ads, between an advertisement for concentrated muscle-building supplements — "You've nothing to lose — only pounds to gain" — and a revolutionary hernia relief truss — "Wear it FREE for seven days", a woman is pictured scratching her upper thigh, a look of puzzlement on her pouting lips. Beneath the headline "HOW TO ATTRACT GIRLS", a company in Jersey offers "Androstenone pheromone (The Natural Female Attractant)" in a discreet 15ml atomiser.

This pheromone does wonders for the sex life of pigs and, in theory, excites women. But from next week a cocktail of not one, not two, but 50 human pheromones, albeit synthetic, are to be distilled for human delectation. The chemicals that make up our own secretions are being bottled and sold back to us.

A pheromone is a chemical that affects members of the same species; it is what attracts mating dogs and marmosets. Truffles replicate pig pheromones, leading hopeful pigs to dig beneath French trees.

Dr David Kelly at the University of Wales makes his living disrupting the sex life of insects. Insects react instinctively and uncontrollably to pheromones. "A moth", says Dr Kelly, "will as soon fall in love with a pheromoned cotton-wool bud as with a female moth." This knowledge gives humans the chance to exploit insect love. Traps coated with synthetic attractants lull creatures to sticky ends, like sailors lured by sirens.

Mammals are more difficult to fool. Most advances have been made, romantically enough, with pigs. Boars secrete the pheromone Androstenone from their salivary glands. When the boar slobbers over the sow, the sow's eyes glaze and she takes up the mating stance. Androstenone has precisely the same effect on the sow if slapped on by human hand — this is useful for the purposes of artificial insemination.

Researchers dream of isolating a human pheromone which would have the same devastating effects. Patrick Suskind, in his book *Perfume*, invented a monstrous child from the slums of 18th-century Paris with a nose of superhuman sensitivity. The character captures the essence of adolescent girls and creates the ultimate scent. The result inspires such a degree of spontaneous desire that finally he is torn to pieces and eaten.

Outside fiction, success in the search for the human pheromone has been more patchy. Ten years ago Dr Michael Kirk-Smith, a psychologist at the University of Ulster, sprayed Androstenone on chairs in a dentist's waiting-room. Men avoided those seats. Women sat in them.

This, and experiments like it, have led to the small ads. They have also raised more questions than they have answered. Dr Kirk-Smith himself, like other psychologists, is sceptical about the effects of human pheromones. He believes that in humans, pheromones trigger memories. When people make love, they sweat. The smell of Androstenone is a powerful element in male sweat. When a woman comes across the smell again, she may be overcome by subconscious nostalgia. She cannot go to bed with the chair. She does the next best thing. She sits on it.

One of the leading pheromone researchers, and the enemy of more or less everyone else in the field, is Dr George Dodd of Warwick University. Dr Dodd has impressive credentials as biochemist, perfumier and entrepreneur. This week, with the interactive Fragrance Technology company, he launches The Pheromone Factor, bottles of nature-identical human pheromones for men and women (£29.99 for 15ml, mail order only).

Dr Dodd, unlike other experts, believes humans might respond to pheromones with an uncontrollable urge to mate. He recalls a theory of Freud's that, to avoid anarchy, man developed a biochemical which suppressed the instinctive drive to pounce on a fertile female. If this is true, then there may be chemical way of countering the suppressant and releasing the cave-man.

In the meantime we have to make do with the responses we have. The purpose of The Pheromone Factor is to make the most of these by bombarding the senses with a higher concentration of attractants. Dr Dodd's mixture replicates 50 different human pheromones. He believes that the mistake in the past has been to search for a single trigger — to look for something that acts on humans like Androstenone acts on pigs. Humans are more complicated than pigs, so the answer is not one chemical, but a cocktail.

All 50 synthesised pheromones in The Pheromone Factor are present in human sweat. Dr Dodd groups them into seven "sexual scents". Each group shares the key scent element of a traditional aphrodisiac food: one corresponds to oysters; another shares the characteristics of the male goat.

Dr Dodd's critics acknowledge his talents but say his claims are not substantiated. As far as Dr Dodd is concerned, the psychology arguments are "mumbo-jumbo", based on tiny trial samples. He accepts that he walks the line between "hard" and "soft" science. There is evidence for the existence of pheromones but, for statistical proof of their effect, he is waiting for customer reaction. He regards The Pheromone Factor as his clinical trial. "No one", he argues, "is going to jump on people in the lab."

Dr Dodd is not alone in the marketplace. Competition this month comes from the Erox Corporation in the United States. Dr David Dolberg, one of the Erox research team in Redwood City, California, claims that only Erox has found the key to happiness. He believes the error has been in relating the effect of pheromones to the sense of smell.

For nearly 300 years we have known of a tiny receptacle in animals' noses called the vomeronasal organ, or VNO. In creatures such as snakes the VNO is a vital receptor for processing information about their environment. Until recently it was assumed that the human VNO was vestigial. However, recent research shows that the organ reacts to human pheromones. What the VNO does not do is connect to our ability to smell.

Erox has carried out experiments which show that those pheromones that trigger the VNO also induce a feeling of well-being. The company claims it can isolate and replicate these pheromones. Erox has combined the resulting substances with two new perfumes, and bottled them as Realm For Men and Realm For Women (launched in America this month).

The sceptics say there is no proof that the VNO does anything apart from react, contracting and relaxing as a reminder of our primeval past.

This is the crux of the difference between the Dodd and the Erox approaches. For Dodd, pheromones are secretions in sweat which, transmitted through the air, act on olfactory receptors, pass up the olfactory nerve and are registered in the brain as smells: for Erox, they are substances that stimulate the mysterious VNO and pass, like thieves in the night, into our subconscious mind.

My own tests with Realm brought a mixed reaction. Only one of six female humans liked Realm For Women. Realm For Men, on the other hand, won universal feelings of goodwill from both sexes, although side-effects are unpredictable. I have fallen deeply in love with myself.

The traditional perfume houses remain aloof from the pheromone issue. Chanel has no immediate intention of changing a formula that brings it millions of pounds a year. Christian Dior has no plans to use human essence. The consensus seems to be that there is quite enough sex in the perfume industry as it is.

I went to Harrods, but was quickly asked to stop bothering the sales staff in its perfume department. This was understandable. Having sampled every scent in Harvey Nichols minutes earlier, there was a danger that the pipe-band marching through the handbag department would tear me apart and eat me.

Outside, a man wearing a fat tie had gathered a crowd on the Knightsbridge pavement. He was holding up five bottles of perfume and pointing to advertisements in *The Royal Picture Year Book*. "It's in the royal brochure," he said, with a voice like an electric foodmixer. "They advertise it, the nobs use it — £10 the five — who'll take them off my hands . . ." Scent doesn't always have to be about sex. Sometimes it smells like money.

Messages of hilarity in a bottle shared

Joining a group of friends in County Cork last week I was looking forward to the repartee of the dinner table. By day virtue would be served by the rigours of childminding and by healthy struggles against the Atlantic breezes. By night alcohol could be ingested freely and no one had to drive home. Tongues would be unbridled, wits were bound to sparkle in the carefree atmosphere.

Yet for personal reasons I was ingesting only minimal amounts of alcohol, and this seemed to have a curiously numbing effect on my own ability to think things *that* funny. As the conversations became increasingly infantile and the others laughed uncontrollably, I was told that my own facial expression had become so dour that I seemed to have grown a double chin.

The butt of their humour was the sometimes absurd titles of the aristocracy . . . the Clotworthy Skeffingtons, Viscounts of Massereene and Ferrard, the Knight of Glin, for example. In the classless society, they suggested, new titles could be invented to suit the meritocracy whereby titles of rank could be combined with the names of mundane products.

"The Knight of Nurse for example, for some top hospital executive."

"Sir Kwik-Fit-Euro and his no-quibble guarantees" for a garage magnate.

"I think I'll change my name to 'Will Double Action Locket'," said Will. "Then if I were elevated to the peerage I would become Lord Mucron."

"I would become Lord Simutab," said another who is constantly blocked up. "Family name Lozenge."

"The Dowager Lady Wendyburger," said my husband.

I slipped upstairs expressionlessly, only to be woken in the small hours by the howls of hysteria from below. In a large group of people it seems that the collective sense of humour takes a lemming-like dive, plummeting to the lowest common denominator so as to be able to include everyone of every level of sobriety and insobriety. Or at least to try to include them.

WEEKEND VOICE: Mary Killen



Other activities on this short break included the after-dinner measuring of the length of ears of all adults present and the width of heads. Candida Crewe's spelling competition revealed in *The Times* a few weeks ago, and one of the assembled company playing themes from popular television shows on the piano while his audience laughed immoderately. The *News At Ten* theme tune always went down best.

By the second night my own judgment had clearly been distorted equally by the ingestion of alcohol, as I found myself jotting down what had seemed to be gems of hilarity at the time. The subject of names had recurred as two of those present were expecting babies, and the silly name of Ffyona (Campbell, who had walked across Africa), was in the news.

"Lucian!" one child's grandfather expostulated in horror. "They'll all call him Lucy at school."

Is it an asset to have an odd name? Opinions were divided. Judging by current political leadership — John Major and John Smith — it is not. It is different in the entertainment industry. For social purposes a mildly odd name might benefit you, for at least it serves the purpose of making even the dullest person memorable, even accrediting them with some glamour which they do not necessarily have but which it will take others some time to find out. Yet what if you grew up to be bland and pimply, and this was only highlighted by the incredible glamour of your name being Tyga or Boadicea? Better a Christian name should be odd than a surname given that striking names have become so popular and every Tom, Dick and Harry is now being named Wolf, Silas or Atticus.

Twenty years ago people were amazed when Keith Richard called his son Marlon. Now even President Clinton's daughter is called Chelsea, and people are almost used to Fifi Trixibell and little Pixie Geldof.

Our parents' generation still thinks it cruel to call a child by a name which will draw attention to it.

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We continued to rack our brains for names which could be unusual or striking in 1993, given the current glut.

"How about spelling the name in an annoying way?" someone suggested. "Like spelling Nigel, Knigel, or even Gnigel?"

"Or spelling Rebecca, Wrebecca or Rose, Wrose?"

Finally I cracked it. "How about spelling a name like Cressida, ffCressida . . . the ffs being silent." We all screamed with laughter. It seemed terribly funny. At the time.

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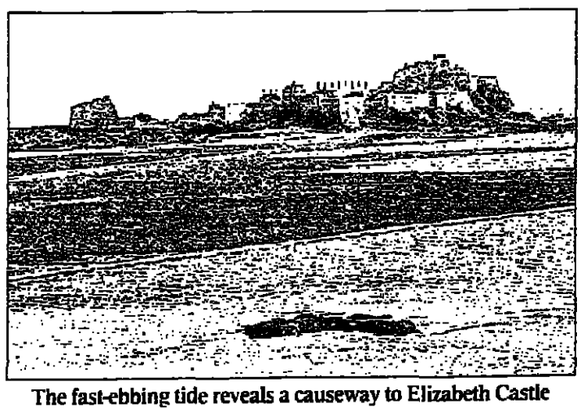
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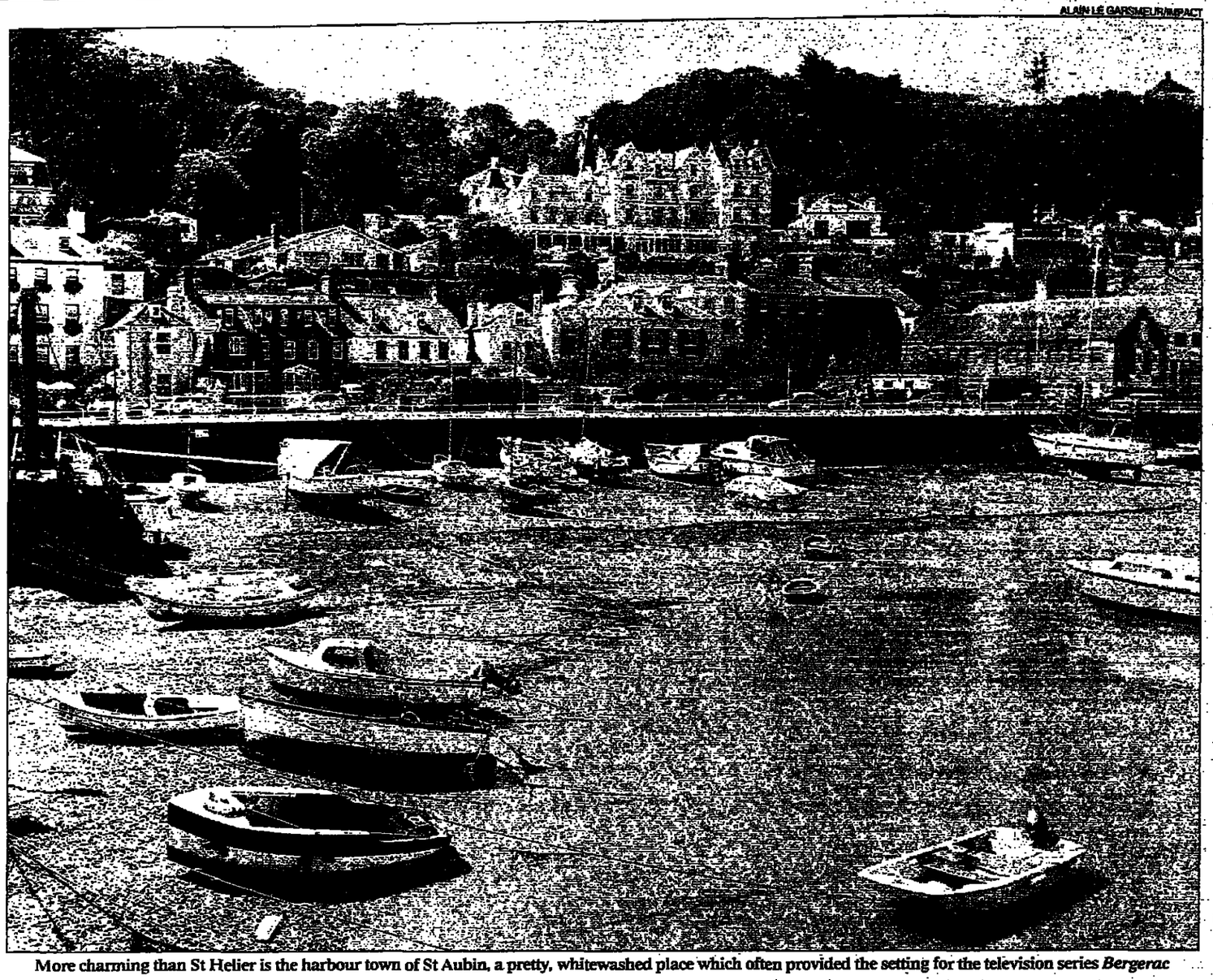
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Looking for beaches, warmth and relaxation not too far from home, **Sara Driver** and her children found all three on Jersey



The fast-ebbing tide reveals a causeway to Elizabeth Castle

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More charming than St Helier is the harbour town of St Aubin, a pretty, whitewashed place which often provided the setting for the television series *Bergerac*

Quiet charm of the cream of British isles

They wanted beaches and sunshine. I wanted an undemanding holiday, somewhere I could relax. As my partner was unable to join us, I baulked at the propsect of long-haul flights or speeding down unfamiliar European motorways with only a 13-year-old to map-read. We chose Jersey.

Well-travelled friends proved surprisingly ignorant about the Channel Islands, enquiring as to whether English currency could be used (it can), motorists drove on the left (they do), and passports were necessary (they were not, but are useful for day trips to France). The journey was pleasantly easy. A BA flight from Heathrow took just 35 minutes, long enough to give the children a thrill but too short for *panic or airsickness to set in.*

Victor Hugo once described the five Channel Islands as "pieces of France fallen into the sea and gathered in by England". We were surprised, given Jersey's close proximity to the coasts of Normandy and Brittany, to discover just how quintessentially English the island is. Despite the predominance of French place names, yellow telephone kiosks and local bank notes, familiar shops line the high streets and the only people we heard speaking French were tourists. The architecture is a mixture of suburban sprawl and seaside elegance. Small bungalows rub shoulders with the attractive pastel façades of Victorian houses. Inland, traditional pink granite farm buildings and the occasional grand manor house still dot the landscape.

Although the largest of the islands, Jersey is still a mere five miles wide by nine miles long. With space at a premium, it is hard to find open countryside which does not have a house or building somewhere in view. Jersey has the highest number of cars per capita in Europe and its pretty, winding country lanes were not made to cope with the volume of local traffic, let alone the thousands of additional vehicles hired by tourists each year.

Yet Jersey's size does have its advantages. There is a 40mph speed limit, and Britons used to racing along motorways on the *mainland have to learn to slow* down. It took us several days to become accustomed to living at a gentler pace, to stop rushing around and to start to unwind. Everywhere is accessible. No place is too far for an outing. And when we realised with mounting panic on the last day that our return flight was due to leave in 35 minutes, rather than an hour and 35 minutes, a quick dash delivered us to the airport with minutes to spare.

Another benefit is that Jersey's narrow, twisting lanes cannot accommodate large farm machinery, so many farms still employ traditional methods and techniques. Crops are harvested by people rather than mechanical devices, and seaweed is used in place of chemical fertilisers.

Many of the island's main attractions are also on a small scale, which means visitors can absorb all there is on offer without becoming exhausted. Jersey Zoo, Gerald Durrell's unique sanctuary for rare and endangered species, lies neatly in the pretty gardens of the 16th-century Les Augres manor, and it is possible to visit each of the 40-odd breeds in an afternoon. The same applies to the Jersey Museum, voted *the most outstanding tourist* attraction in the British Isles in 1992 by the British Guild of Travel Writers. Cleverly laid out on four compact floors, the museum offers a taste of the traditions and history of the island through original objects and the latest hands-on technology, which my children found irresistible.

The newly-opened £8 million Living Legend is another accessible family attraction. Set in nine acres in St Peter's Valley, it has a play area and street entertainers in addition to a computer-controlled, three-dimensional show depicting key episodes and historical figures from the island's past. It seems a pity that a place dedicated to Jersey's heritage and traditions should have an ice-cream parlour *selling a bland commercial brand,* rather than the delicious, creamy Jersey product available elsewhere.

The island may be crowded but, with around 50 miles of coastline, its beaches rarely are. Small sandy coves nestle among soaring cliffs on the north coast. One of the loveliest is Plemont Bay, at low tide an unspoilt stretch of sand fringed by *rock pools and caves. To the west is* St Ouen's Bay, six kilometres of exposed sand and rock pools more suitable for surfers than swimmers.

St Aubin's Bay is another vast expanse of sand popular with watersports enthusiasts. There the Jersey Seasports Centre offers water skiing lessons to children from the age of five upwards. We opted for the Banana Ride, a large, banana-shaped *inflatable* towed behind a speed boat. Helen, aged nine, clung on for dear life, shrieked a great deal, and declared the experience "really wicked".

The Channel Islands experience one of the most powerful tidal eddies in Europe. The sea falls and rises up to 40 feet every six hours, and it is frighteningly easy to become marooned on rocks when moments earlier the sea was just a glimmer on the horizon. We were astonished, when we looked out from our hotel on the first morning, to find that a low tide had uncovered a winding causeway snaking its way across sand to Elizabeth Castle, which the night before stood far out in the deep waters of St Helier harbour.

We stayed at the Grand Hotel on *the outskirts of St Helier, a comfort*able traditional seafront hotel with an indoor pool and leisure complex. Although primarily a business and conference establishment for much of the year, the Grand transforms itself into a bustling cosmopolitan family hotel during school holidays. The business people vanish before 8.30am, when families from France, Scandinavia, Britain and Holland stroll into the Regency Room to eat a leisurely breakfast which includes good, strong coffee and delicious croissants.

Essentially an urban hotel, the Grand provides an excellent base from which to explore St Helier and the rest of the island. St Helier is a noted shopping area, but for charm travel further along the coast to St Aubin, a pretty, whitewashed old *harbour town often featured in the* television series *Bergerac*.

What the holiday lacked in exotica it made up for in relaxation, and we did find lovely beaches, and days of unbroken blue skies and gentle breezes.

How to join the island-hoppers

☐ Sara Driver flew to Jersey courtesy of British Airways, which operates an average of four flights a day from Heathrow to Jersey and four from Gatwick.

☐ BA offers special fares until October 23, 1993. Prices start from £73 return for a midweek flight (BA reservations 081-759 5511).

☐ The holiday was organised by Star Travel Ltd, the local representative of Sun Blessed Holidays (0202 434316). Seven nights B&B at the Grand (including flight from Heathrow or Gatwick) costs £510 per person. Children are accommodated free when sharing with parents.

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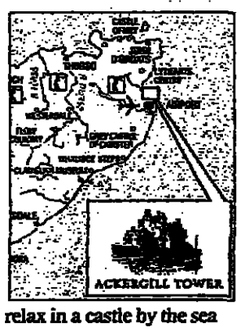
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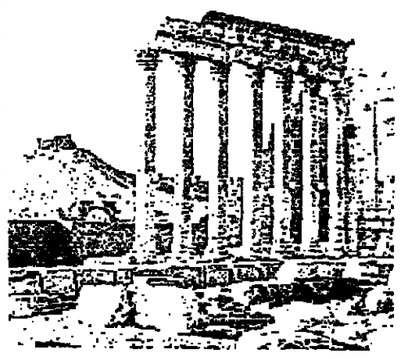
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Roll me over in the clover but don't grow it again

FARMER'S DIARY: PAUL HEINEY

There was once a song which went: "It's illegal, it's immoral, or it makes you fat!" I can go one better: we have a crop on our farm which is all three. I refer to my old friend, clover. Only last week I was boasting of having made the perfect "sandwich in a sheaf" of oats, oat-straw and clover, only to find that this week I am facing a legal ban. Not only that, there is more than a hint that the mere growing of clover is about as socially irresponsible if not immoral an act as any farmer can commit.

This blow came in the last novella from the Ministry of Agriculture, which sets out the rules (or rather the latest rules, since they revise them as often as a child learning to play cards and determined not to lose) on how to manage set-aside land. It says quite clearly that clovers "*can aggravate nitrate leaching ... therefore can only be sown if limited to no more than 5 per cent of the seed mixture by weight.*"



Let us examine these few words cast into the midst of a wealth of cloudy regulation, to see if they hold enough water to dilute a bucket of pig-swill.

I have written often enough about the value of clover as feed for animals. To put it simply, it makes them fat. Too much and they will literally burst through bloat, but good stockmanship will ensure they do not. It can be grazed, or cut for the sweetest smelling hay that will ever have been past your nose. But this is old news.

In my *Stephens Book of the Farm* (1884), it says: "Red clover for mowing, and white clover for pasturage, excel, and probably ever will, all other plants."

So what do the rule-makers have against it? It is difficult to be certain. Perhaps its greatest value on a farm that has no livestock to feed is as a fertiliser. In a remarkable feat of magic, it captures nitrogen from the air and stores it in its roots in a form from which plants can extract it as a feedstuff. Giving plants nitrogen is like putting petrol in cars; it makes them go. So, since whatever crop follows the set-aside is going to require nitrogen to flourish, why not allow clover to build up the nitrogen reserve rather than have to resort to a factory-made product? Remember, it takes six tons of oil to produce one ton of fertiliser in the bag, but very little to produce a ton of clover seed.



However, nitrate leaching is more serious. Levels of nitrate in drinking water are rising and nobody seems sure of the long-term effects; although with a confidence which must be born out of ignorance we are officially reassured that there is "no problem". It is right and proper that the ministry should take steps to reduce it — but not by banning clover. Five million tons of manufactured nitrate are bunged on the land every year; far less would be needed if farmers were *required* to add clover to their set-aside mixture. Anyway, the nitrate leaching only occurs when the clover is ploughed under and rots, but careful management will ensure that the nitrogen is taken up by a newly-planted crop. Clover does not sit like an incontinent old aunt, leaching all the time.

But with my confidence in clover shaken by this latest ban, I rang Robin Hill at Cotswold Seeds, who has provided much of the clover seed sown on this farm. He, too, was "perplexed" and mentioned, in addition to all the other advantages, that clover worked wonders for soil structure by breaking up truculent soils, making them easier to plough. No less an authority than the Institute of Grassland and Environmental Research found "rapid improvements in soil structure ... significant differences in drainage rates ... more beneficial than grass for rapid improvement". All this adds up to money in the bank, for better soil means easier ploughing, means less diesel through the tractor (or oats into horses in our case).

Still, he had some good news for me. He has been talking to the ministry about all the things you *can* sow in set-aside mixtures. He admits he has not heard of all of them, but on close questioning neither had the man from the ministry. They did mention something called Alpine milk vetch. I can see myself in a pair of neat lederhosen tending that one.

But most surprising on the list is wild liquorice. Are they seeking to shut us up by giving us sweets to chew, or is this their way of admitting that this latest policy has little substance to it?

No doubt if we suck it, we shall see.



MARC HILL'APEX

Mark Broadbent in his Tiverton workshop: "It was lucky that the sport began to revive some years ago, when there were still people around who could pass on their skills"

Skills revived for the carriage trade

Renewed enthusiasm for driving horse-drawn carriages has saved traditional crafts from extinction. **Christian Dymond** *reports*

A look of admiration spread across the visitor's face as he gazed at the horse-drawn carriage. "That," he said, "is a wonderful piece of restoration." "That," replied Mark Broadbent, a carriage maker and restorer in Tiverton, Devon, "*is something* we actually made ourselves."

The fact that there is still the talent around to make such a carriage — a Beaufort phaeton — has a lot to do with the extraordinary growth in the popularity of carriage driving. "It was lucky that the sport began to revive some years ago, when there were still people around who could pass on their skills," says Mr Broadbent. The result is a burgeoning of crafts that might otherwise have been lost for ever.

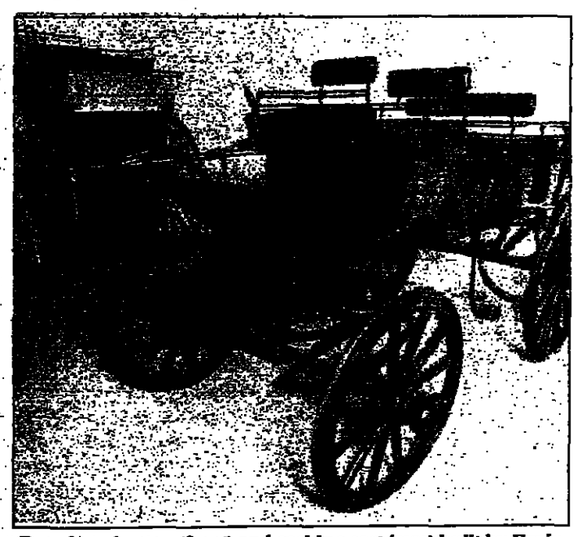
As many as 20,000 people are estimated to take part in carriage driving, almost double the number involved six or seven years ago. Further evidence of its appeal will be the number of people who descend on Windsor Great Park this weekend for the Lexus National Horse Driving Championships.

Mr Broadbent's firm, Fenix, makes 30 horse-drawn carriages a year, using oak, elm and ash wheels, leather upholstery, traditional springs, decorated ironwork and sometimes more than a dozen coats of paint. Most stay in Britain, but three wagonettes in the workshop are going to Japan, "to a golf course, to take the players around", says Robert Winyard, who has to paint them.

Carriage making is one aspect of the craft revival. Harness-making is another. Five years ago Sue Hill-Venning was a microcomputer engineer. Today she is Stag Saddlery, a harness-maker in Buckinghamshire, and a member of the Guild of Master Craftsmen.

She made her first harness for her own Shetland pony. Soon after she went into business. In the past two years she has been inundated with work.

Although she makes some nylon-webbing harness, her forte is leather harness. To turn a sheet of leather into a saddle, collar, bridle, tugs (for holding the carriage shafts) and reins takes three weeks. Everything is double-stitched by hand, and often Mrs Hill-Venning spins her own flax to produce thread of the right thickness and strength. "It's a back-breaking, eye-watering job, but when you see the look on people's faces at what you've produced, it makes it all worthwhile," she says.



Beaufort phaeton (front) and cocking cart (rear) built by Fenix

A similarly traditional approach is taken in the workshops at Fairbourne Carriages, Kent, where a wheelwright, painter, blacksmith, leather-workers and upholsterers spend much of their time restoring old horse-drawn carriages. However, 15 per cent of the business is in traditionally made new carriages, particularly show carriages, for which, says the owner, Jane Wood, craftsmanship is really important.

When George Bowman, the national horse team champion, began driving 20 years ago, such firms were hard to find. "Sometimes, if I wanted a harness, I would have to go around the sales and buy one which had come off a pub wall," he says.

Yet this year's *British Equestrian Directory*, the horse world's handbook, lists 54 harness makers, nearly 20 more than in 1980, when the directory started. Builders and restorers of carriages and coaches have almost doubled, to 131, in the same period.

Artistic Iron Products, Nottinghamshire, better known as Bennington, has been making carriages for 20 years, and in the past ten, business has quadrupled to 130 a year. Most of its models are based on traditional designs although, as the firm's owner, Michael Mart, says: "The skills we use are more biased towards metalwork and engineering than they would have been in the past."

The wheels on their carriages, for instance, are no longer wood but aluminium. Mr Mart attributes this change to the Duke of Edinburgh, who believes that aluminium wheels make the vehicles lighter and perform better. The duke has had six carriages from the firm.

Usually, one of the firm's vehicles takes a week to assemble, but a four-wheel presentation carriage for competition takes a month — longer if you want a cocktail cabinet, icebox, speedometer and onboard computer, which one customer requested.

No such luxury is on the mind of Sue Mellor in Cumbria, who enjoys carriage driving for the simple delights that it brings. "I've always loved horses, but I've had a few injuries from falls, so I now find riding uncomfortable. And I can do carriage driving with my husband, Keith," she says.

For the Mellors, happiness is a trot around the country lanes. For carriage builders and harness makers, happiness is knowing that the numbers of such enthusiasts are growing every week.

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Feather report

The invisible migration

What Victorian ornithologists called the "great south flight" is now well under way. Millions of birds are moving south across Europe. The numbers are quite extraordinary. With ranks swelled by the summer's young, it is calculated that 900 million willow warblers are on the move, 220 million swallows, 90 million house martins ...

But where are they all? That is another of the wonders of the autumn migration. In spring, the arrival of the summer visitors is obvious because they take up territories and sing. In autumn, birds such as waders are noticeable on the shore; but most of the small birds slip away virtually unseen.

Yet if you are alert, you can sometimes detect them. Willow warblers are everywhere in the deep foliage just now: you can find them by their soft "hweet" call, and then, if you wait, one is sure to appear for a moment on an outer twig of the hawthorn or elder, bright green in its autumn plumage. Its close relative, the chiffchaff, is one of the most noticeable of all of these southward-drifting passerines, because it sings on migration, and its ringing "chiff-chaff, chiff-chaff" sounds out from treetops in parks and gardens for an hour or two before it moves on.

However, other warblers, such as the innumerable blackcaps, whitethroats and sedge warblers that nested here, make very little noise. For one thing, they are all very busy feeding as they travel along. Those birds, such as the whitethroat, that are heading south of the Sahara, will eventually have to fly 1,000km across the Mediterranean and 1,500km across the desert before they can stop for food.

In the early, slower stages of their journey, they often move on in the early morning, and they can sometimes be spotted from hilltops or from tall buildings in cities. Flocks of swallows can be seen going over, and a little later in the year there will be skylarks and meadow pipits.

There are several places on the south coast where the migrants concentrate before setting off across the Channel, notably Portland Bill in Dorset and Dungeness in Kent. Here the bushes are alive with skulking birds, not to mention birdwatchers.

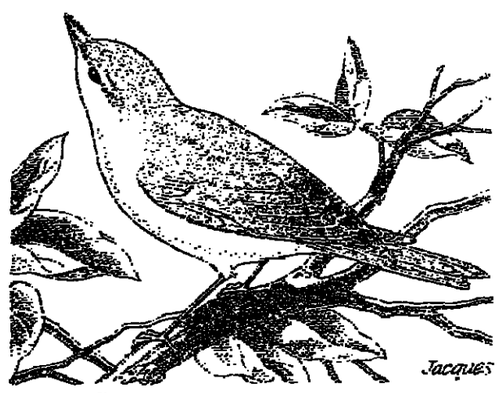
How did birds come to live like this? Current opinion favours the idea that it all began after the Ice Age. Birds were already abundant in the tropical zones, but as the ice began to retreat northward, vast tracts of land opened up, with no avian inhabitants, and rich feeding in the summer months. So birds began to move into those territories. Those that flew back in winter survived; those that stayed died. Gradually, in some species, the habit of migration evolved as a set pattern.

In fact, in certain species the pattern set unnecessarily hard. Wheatears winter in Africa and in the summer fly north to Europe. Many of them then turn east across Russia and fly as far as Alaska. But those birds do not migrate directly south when autumn comes. They fly west, and once more down through Europe, following the route that they evolved so many millennia ago.

As for how they find their way, that is far from being fully understood. There is evidence for navigation by the sun and stars, and even for a response in birds to the earth's magnetic field, as well as for the straightforward following of a coastline or other visible landmarks. At the moment, scientists think that birds make a complicated use of all these methods. Invisible creatures, travelling by unknown means: that is the somehow rather cheering picture that bird migration still presents.

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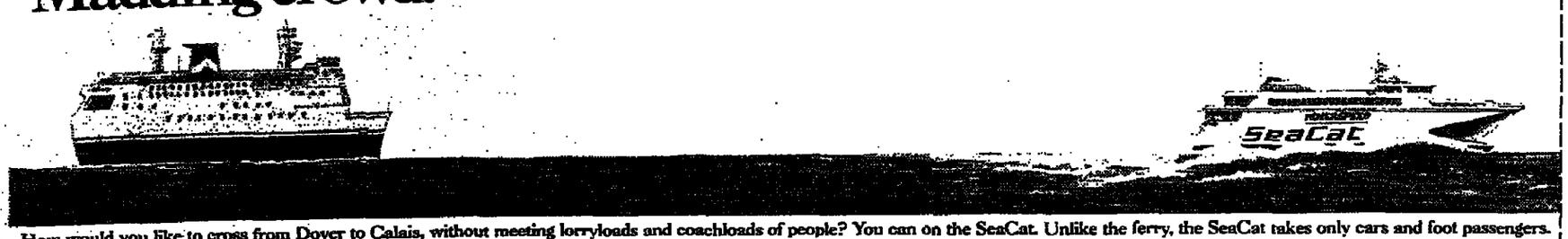
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Chiffchaff, singing its way on the "great south flight"

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RESTAURANT WATCH

FRESH WHITES
The Restaurant
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London's most eagerly awaited opening since Quaglino's last February takes place this week, but with no big party or cut-price previews. *Robin Young writes.* Marco-Pierre White, formerly of Harvey's, says friends from his Wandsworth days have already taken all the bookings for the first couple of evenings. He warns that you must expect to pay £150 to £160 for two, including wine and aperitifs (about £120 for the food). Open 12.30-2.30pm Monday to Friday, and 7-11.15pm Monday to Saturday.

NOVEL TIE
Four Seasons
Four Seasons Hotel (formerly Inn on the Park), Hamilton Place, Park Lane, London W1 (071-499 0888)
Jean-Christophe Novelli's first menu at the Four Seasons, where he has been picked to succeed Bruno Loubet, will be launched on September 20 and includes cannelloni of langoustines, red mullet between slices of pan-fried foie gras, lamb cutlets soufflées with Stilton, and *boite surprise au chocolat*. Set lunch costs £25. Open seven days a week, 12.30-3pm and 7-10.30pm.

HEYL TO THE CHEF
Provence
Gordleton Mill Hotel, Hordle, Lymington, Hampshire (0590 682219)
Novelli's successor at Provence is Didier Heyl, formerly sous-chef at Hartwell House, and originally from Strasbourg. Business, I am told, is holding up well, and "many of Novelli's regulars are still returning". A three-course lunch costs £17.50, a five-course dinner £36, *à la carte* about £45. Open 12.30-2.30pm and 7-10pm, not Tuesdays or Sunday dinner.

OFF THE MENU
Recent closures include Beauchamp Place in Knightsbridge, La Sémillante in Mayfair, the Nice in Portobello, and Long's in Truro, Cornwall.

A meaty matter to chew on

For carnivores worried about factory farming, a London company offers an organic alternative, says Sara Driver

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Organic meat is valuable to people with special diets, but the superb taste is recommendation enough. Illustration from a 19th-century painting by Thomas Roebuck

Meat Matters offers a real alternative for confirmed carnivores who feel unhappy about factory farming and uneasy about the fact that, despite reassurances from the government, confirmed cases of BSE, or "mad cow disease", among cattle are averaging nearly 900 each week, compared with 675 a year ago. The company delivers elegantly packaged, organic and additive-free meat to your door.

Is organic meat totally safe? The British Organic Farmers' Association says it is not possible to be 100 per cent certain that all their meat is free from BSE. The disease has a long incubation period and, since some bought-in stock may orginate from non-organic sources, there is always a risk that small numbers of organically managed cattle may develop BSE. There are no retrospective guarantees, but livestock which has been certified organic is fed only foodstuffs free from pesticide, fertilisers and animal protein. This ensures that the likelihood of organic herds contracting BSE, which is slight at present, will diminish still further in the future.

Worries over the safety of beef have resurfaced this week with the sale of six-year-old meat. Helen Browning, chairwoman of the association, confirms that organic meat is never held in long-term frozen storage. Some producers might sell cuts from their own freezer, but these would only be frozen for a matter of weeks or months and would carry a sell-by date.

Meat Matters is owned and run by Diane Glass from her home in Muswell Hill, north London. The company owes its origins to the determination of two local mothers who, alarmed by all the food scares in the late 1980s, began buying organic food for their families.

Organic meat, they discovered, was a rare commodity even in their cosmopolitan area. Undaunted, they tracked down sources outside London and began ordering the meat on a regular basis. Soon friends asked to join in, and what began as a personal quest quickly became a successful business. The company needed to expand and, in 1991, Mrs Glass stepped in, bought Meat Matters, and in less than two years doubled its list of clients.

The sheer variety of produce available would put any supermarket meat counter to shame — lamb kebabs with organic peppers and onions (four for £6.49), pork sausages infused with cider and apple or beer and garlic (£2.59 per lb), haunches of venison marinaded in juniper and red wine (£8.99 per lb), and smoked organic chickens (£4.99 per lb).

Then there is the taste, the traditional flavour sacrificed by so many modern farmers in favour of intensive practices. Customers have been known to ring Mrs Glass in the middle of dinner parties to enthuse about the tenderness of the meat they are serving.

The purity of the meat is valuable to people with allergies or special diets, but Mrs Glass believes that most customers are just concerned for their family's well-being.

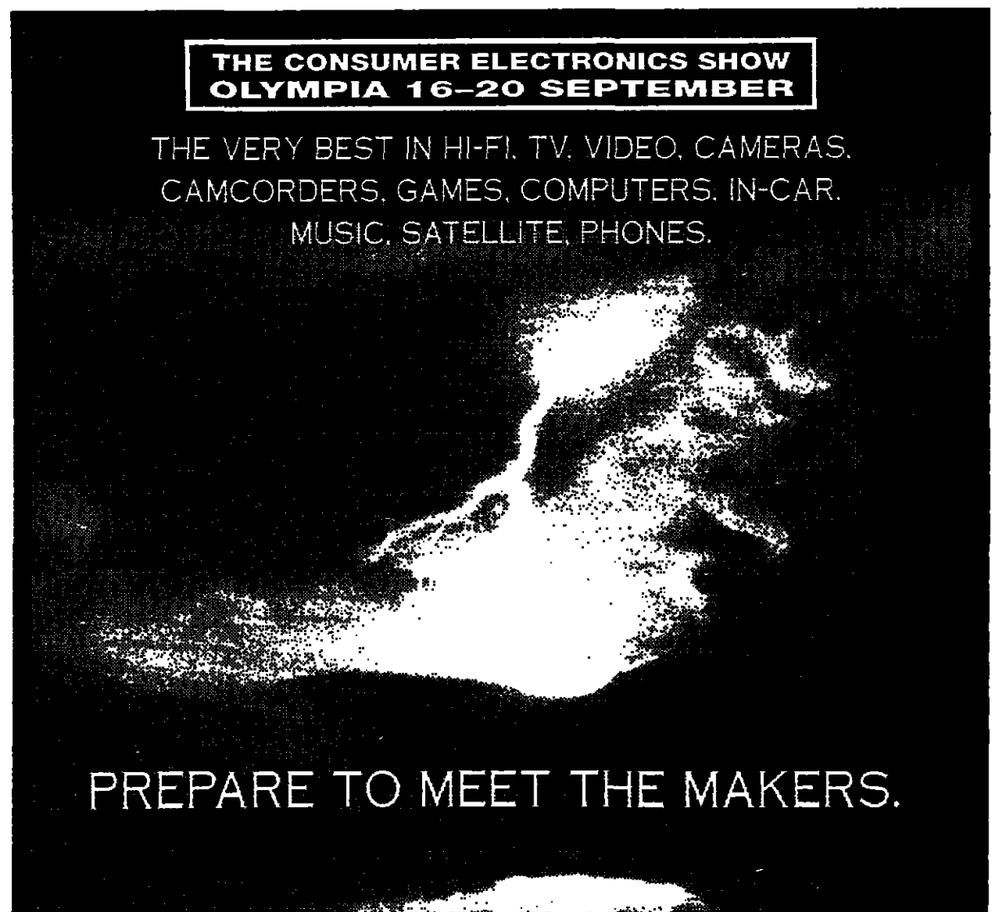
The company provides a personal, individual service. Mrs Glass takes telephone orders from clients and will often ring to check if their supplies are running low. The meat is delivered fresh, stylishly wrapped and tied with black ribbons, to her customers' homes. At present she covers north, west and southwest London. As many commuters live outside her normal delivery area, she also drives orders to workplaces in the City or West End.

At present, she is concentrating on offering a specialised service. If there were sufficient demand for ready-prepared gourmet dishes, however, Meat Matters might just expand.

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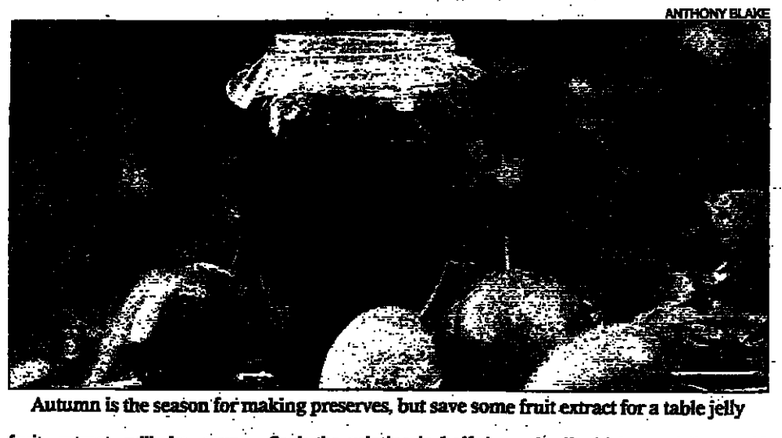
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Mellow fruitfulness

The harvest of the hedgerows makes great jelly

ANTHONY BLAKE



Autumn is the season for making preserves, but save some fruit extract for a table jelly

NOW is the time to think about making a few small jars of hedgerow jelly. Rowan berries have been ripe for some weeks now, and elderberries and blackberries are looking good this year. Crab apples, windfalls and damsons can all be added to produce a lovely rich purple jelly.

You can also save some of the fruit extract to make a table jelly — especially effective if you have an old-fashioned jelly mould. What else you add to the extract depends on its composition. Rowan berries have a sophisticated, smoky flavour, which is enhanced by the addition of madeira. Calvados or cider can be used with crab apples, port with elderberries, red wine with blackberries. There are no hard rules about what to use, but you will need plenty of sugar or syrup, as the fruit extract will be sour.

Table jelly
(serves 8-10)

8 leaves or 8tsp gelatine
½ pt/280ml water
1pt/570ml fruit extract
juice of a lemon
½ pt/280ml wine, or cider — or ¼ pt/140ml fortified wine mixed with ¼ pt/140ml water or fruit juice
sugar to taste

Soak the gelatine in half the water until softened. Add the rest of the water, heat and stir until dissolved. Add it to the fruit extract and lemon juice. Heat the wine, cider or diluted fortified wine, and boil for two to three minutes to evaporate the alcohol.

Stir into the fruit liquid and, while still warm, stir in enough sugar to sweeten. Pour the liquid into a jelly mould and when cool, refrigerate until set.

Turn out and decorate as you wish.

For a more homely dessert, try sliced plums mixed with blueberries or blackberries baked under a crumble topping or in a sweetened batter.

FRANCES BISSELL

DISH OF THE DAY

Restaurateur: Kenneth Lo, 80 tomorrow.

Born: Foochow, China.

Restaurant: Ken Lo's Memories of China, Chelsea Harbour, London SW10 (071-352 4953).

Present: His autobiography, *The Feast of My Life* (Doubleday, £16.99), is in the bookshops.

Past: Entirely self-taught, he wrote the first of his 38 cookbooks in 1955, when a publisher thrust £50 into his hand as an advance. "I spent the money so I had to write the book and, in fact, once I started I found it was rather easy, because you could get such a vast amount of material from China." He opened his first restaurant, in Ebury Street, in 1980.

Future: On Monday he will celebrate his birthday with a "peach buffet, based on the Peach Banquet in the Chinese legend of the 'Monkey King's Journey to the West', a meal which imparts immortality to the guests".

Personal: Played tennis for Cambridge University, the Chinese Davis Cup team, and for Britain's veterans, only giving up last year. As well as cookbooks, he once, pseudonymously, co-authored a history of Chinese pornography. "My ambition now is to have an easy life, to sleep well and to eat well. In fact that is what it has always been."

Dish: Foochow charcuteries. Made by boiling chicken drumsticks, wings, gizzards, giblets and hard-boiled eggs for half an hour in five-spice-and-soya sauce, and eaten hot or cold with rice or steamed buns. An hors d'oeuvre at Mr Lo's birthday buffet because it was the staple diet of sports fans and of demonstrators against the warlords in China in the 1920s and 1930s. At the restaurant, £3 to £4 a portion.

ROBIN YOUNG

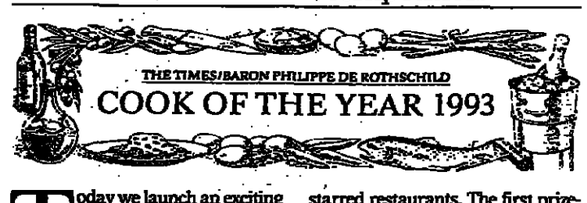


Kenneth Lo, whose eightieth birthday is tomorrow

DIANA LEADBETTER

Putting cooks to the test

Frances Bissell, the Times cook, launches a new competition



Today we launch an exciting new cookery competition, sponsored jointly by *The Times* and Baron Philippe de Rothschild, the world-famous producers of Bordeaux wines, from the legendary Château Mouton Rothschild to the widely available Mouton Cadet.

The competition is for those who are proud to call themselves cooks, and who do not yearn for the spurious title of "chef" — spurious only, I hasten to add, for those who gain it simply by winning an amateur cooking competition.

Brian Turner, our guest judge, *is* a chef and has achieved this status by being master of his kitchen and kitchen brigade after having trained for many years.

Victor Ceserani's presence on the panel is welcome since he is the doyen of cookery competition judges, with years of experience, and he provides a sense of continuity. Although this is a new competition, it had its antecedent in *The Observer*, under Paul Levy's chairmanship for 12 years. Three years ago, I was invited to join him and Mr Ceserani on the panel of judges to take the place left by Jane Grigson's untimely death. It was a special moment for me, because in 1983 I entered and won the same competition.

The other judges will be Fiona Burrell, the principal of Leith's School of Food and Wine, and Polly Addelsee, marketing manager of Baron Philippe de Rothschild, UK.

The prizes are generous. First, second and third prize-winners and partners will go to Bordeaux with the judges for three days. There they will visit Château Mouton Rothschild, its cellars and wine museum, and have lunch. Dinner on the first evening in Bordeaux will be at one of the Michelin-starred restaurants. The first prize-winner will be offered a week's course at Leith's School of Food and Wine, and three days' work experience in the kitchen at Turner's restuarant.

To enter the competition, readers are invited to submit their menu for three courses, complete with recipes, for serving six people in an allotted cooking time of two hours, although some advance preparation will be allowed. All competitors must be amateurs. Full details of the rules and conditions of entry will be found below.

The theme of the competition is British cooking, with ingredients available here. The food you cook for the judges will reflect the way you cook every day, and your own culinary traditions and interests, whatever they may be. You may be influenced by the traditional cooking of your part of the country. That is what we would like to taste. If your culinary traditions are Caribbean rather than Cumbrian, Sicilian rather than Scouse, that too is what you should cook for us.

Although it will not be a requirement for the dishes to complement specific wines, you should bear in mind when planning your menu that the judges will partner the food with the classical white and red wines of the Bordeaux region. We will not necessarily be impressed by expensive ingredients, prettily arranged on large plates. Freshness of flavours, a spontaneity in presentation and seasonal produce, judiciously employed, will be much more appealing.

Twelve semi-finalists will be invited to Leith's School of Food and Wine to prepare their first and second courses only; the third course will be taken into consideration by the judges for the balance of the menu. Each entry should include a short biography of the competitor and his or her reasons for choosing the menu.

One of the most important features of this competition is that after each contestant has cooked and served his or her dishes, they are invited, individually, to join the judges for a glass of wine and to discuss their experiences of the competition and review their performance.

I still remember vividly Jane Grigson saying that my quince jelly was perhaps a hint too sweet to serve with meat, and Victor Ceserani suggesting that if I had not spent quite so long neatly arranging the mangetouts and fanning out the duck breasts, the food might have been hotter when I served it. How culinary fashions have changed, as you can see from my main 1983 recipe.

Duck breasts with a red wine sauce

(serves 6)

6 fresh duck breasts
3-4oz/85-110g unsalted butter

For the marinade

4tbsp good red wine
2tbsp olive oil
crushed black peppercorns
sea salt
3 crushed garlic cloves
1 sliced onion
1 sliced carrot
1 stick chopped celery

For the garnish

8oz/230g mangetouts

Marinate the skinned, trimmed duck breasts for several hours in the ingredients listed, turning occasionally. Remove from the marinade, dry thoroughly. Heat the butter in a large, shallow, heavy pan until just turning pale brown. Add the duck breasts in one layer and cook in two batches, if necessary. Cook for three minutes on each side, turning once only, taking care not to pierce the flesh. Remove from the pan to a heated serving plate. Strain the marinade into the pan, and reduce slightly until syrupy, adding more butter if necessary.

Meanwhile, having brought the water to the boil in a saucepan, drop in the trimmed mangetouts, bring back to the boil, and let cook for two minutes only. Drain well and keep them warm.

To serve, carve each duck breast, depending on the thickness, either horizontally into two or three slices, or vertically into six neat slices. Arrange on heated dinner plates, and pour the sauce to one side, placing the mangetouts on the other. Serve with a small pot of home-made quince and apple jelly and gratin of Jerusalem artichokes.

Rules and conditions of entry

1 Contestants must give complete recipes for the starter, main course, pudding, garnishes and accompaniments, and with a full list of *ingredients, quantities and explicit* instructions for the preparation and method. Servings should be for six people.

2 Entries must be typed or clearly written, *using one side of the paper only*, naming the dish, ingredients and method, in that order. All entries should be sent to *The Times*/Baron Philippe De Rothschild Cook of the Year Competition 1993, 1 Relton Mews, London, SW7 1ET. All entries must arrive by the last post on Monday, September 27, 1993, and must carry the entrant's address and a daytime telephone number.

3 From the written entries, 12 entries will be chosen and contestants notified by September 30. Contestants will be asked to prepare their first two courses only in the presence of the judges at Leith's School of Food and Wine, 21 St Albans Grove, London W8, on Tuesday October 5, Wednesday October 6 or Thursday October 7. Maximum cooking time allowed will be two hours, but some advance preparation may be carried out at home. The key part of the cooking, however, and the finishing of dishes must be done in the presence of the judges, who may question contestants on the theory, practice and techniques involved in the preparation.

4 Marks will be awarded for originality, presentation and balance, bearing in mind that the judges will be partnering the food with classic white and red Bordeaux wine.

5 The kitchen is equipped with all standard utensils and dishes, but contestants will be required to supply any unusual equipment and their own knives. The hobs, ovens *and grills are gas fired and electric.* Competitors must furnish their own ingredients, but the organisers will reimburse the costs of these.

6 There is no cash alternative to the prizes offered.

7 The competition is open to readers of *The Times* in the UK, except those engaged in the catering profession, employees of *The Times* and Baron Philippe de Rothschild, UK Ltd. and their families. Any decisions of the judges are final, and no correspondence will be entered into. Copyright for the winning entries becomes the property of *The Times*.

Cider is back with a kick

Jane MacQuitty tastes 40 ciders in her quest for the secret of the drink's big sales success

Amber, white or even black, today's cider is leagues away from its country bumpkin past. New ciders with names such as Electric White, Ice Dragon, Max, Brody, Red Rock and Frès, presented in unusual, clear, frosted or jet-black bottles, would horrify the past generations of master cider makers. So, too, would the *many* styles and flavours, of which I tasted more than 40 for this article.

Centuries ago, cider naturally fermented in the barrel (cask-conditioned) may well have tasted like wine, with less fizz but more alcohol, and more flavour. But this era's cider makers, in their quest for drinks that are exciting and different, have produced *such* aliens as nouveau cider, *cuve close* (or second fermentation-in-a-tank cider), low alcohol and fruit-flavoured ciders, plus a black, half-beer cider fermented with the addition of malt and hops.

These new, strong, premium ciders — mostly containing more than 8 per cent alcohol, about the same as most German white wines — have so far captured only 15 per cent of the cider market. But they are here to stay, with more deviants on the way.

Cider's astonishing increase in sales in recent years — up 36 per cent since 1988, a leap of *more than* 22 million gallons to a record 85 million gallons in 1992 — is the reason for all these new-wave ciders.

Wine sales, like cider, have grown steadily since the Sixties, but while wine purchases levelled off in 1990, cider sales continued to rise and have doubled since 1980. Cider is *now the only* alcoholic drink to be storming ahead.

The comparatively low price and high alcoholic content of cider — 6 per cent on average, compared to beer's 4 per cent or so — has much to do with its impressive sales. Premium ciders are often 8.4 per cent.

Other reasons for cider's success include the notion that it is part of our heritage. With more than 10,000 acres of cider apple orchards thriving in Norfolk, Kent, Sussex, Somerset, Devon, Herefordshire and Gloucestershire, there could be some truth in this. But cider-makers claim that green issues and a desire for a more "natural" drink has added greatly to its appeal.

What is undeniable is how much more experimental modern drinkers have become, relishing new-found flavours and unusual bottles. More than a third of the population (with an equal male-female split) drink cider.

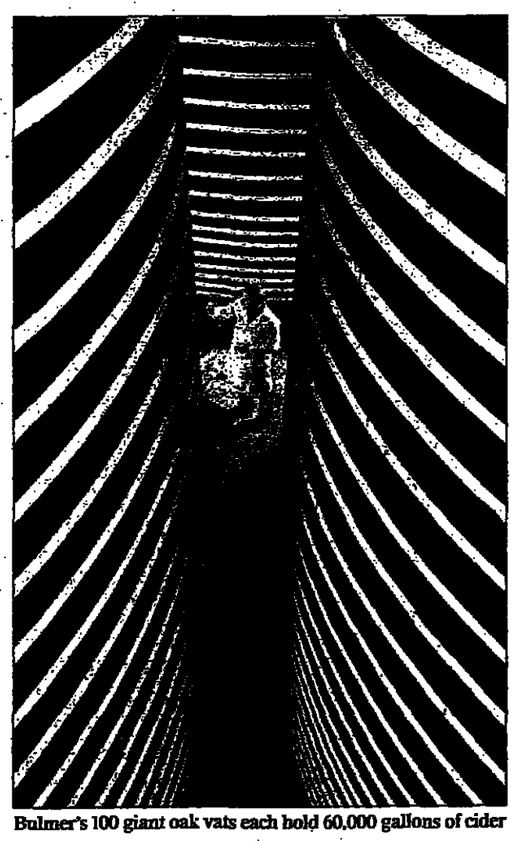
Today's cider success story started in pubs, particularly with the move three years ago to free publicans from the old tied-house system, whereby they could sell only their own brewer's products. Given a free choice they stocked draught cider, and its immediate success led to increased sales of premium bottled ciders. Bulmer's Strongbow on draught has been the most popular pub cider; last year its sales were up by 17 per cent on the year, making it the second most sought-after draught drink after Guinness.

So which of all these new ciders are the ones that are worth drinking? I would avoid the wine imitations and the so-called premium white ciders. Black cider is worth experiencing once, though you can achieve the same end, with rather more taste at less cost, by mixing a half of bitter with a half of draught cider.

For me, the best of the new-wave cider is Double M Extra Strength from H. Weston & Sons, whose delicious, rich apples scent and taste has 8.4 per cent alcohol and offers a long, spicy-appley finish. Even its clear bottle is more restrained than most (Sainsbury's, 89p for 330ml). A useful second best is Sainsbury's own-label Premium Strong Cider, with 8 per cent alcohol at £1.35 for 500ml.

For a familiar flavour, Biddenden's Strong Kentish Cider (Camra's 1993 cider of the year) is a winner. Try either its punchy dry style, or the more usual medium version with a touch of sweetness (selected branches of Davisons, £2.19 a litre).

Kings Acre Vintage Full Strength, an 8.4 per cent alcohol cider from Gloucestershire, offers rustic, appley flavours (Thresher Group, £2.12 a litre), and Bulmer's ultra traditional dry, yeasty-fruity No 7 is the closest any commercial cider will get to the flavours of old.



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● **1989 Michel Lynch Bordeaux:** *Safeway and The Victoria Wine Company £5.99.*
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● **1989 Dão, Carvalho, Ribeira and Ferreira:** *Majestic Wine Warehouses, down 30p to £2.69, Sept 14-Oct 17.*
Pleasant, juicy, inky Portuguese fruit.

● **Casa Barco Tinto:** *Victoria Wine, down 50p to £2.19 until Sept 29.*
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● **Moldova Chardonnay, Hincesti:** *Thresher and Majestic Wine Warehouses £2.99.*
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● **1992 Soave, Pasqua:** *Victoria Wine £3.29 a litre for the price of a 75cl bottle until Sept 29.*
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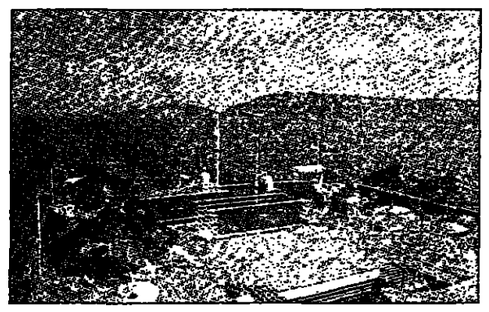
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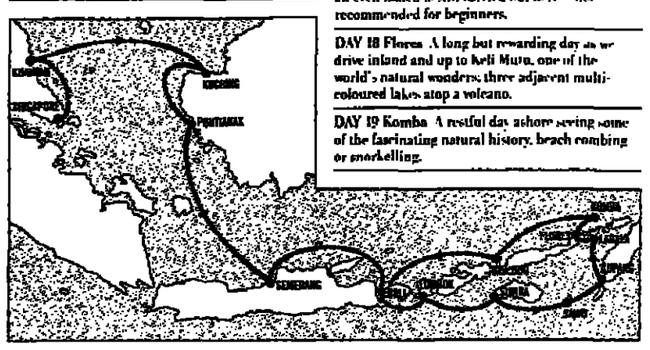
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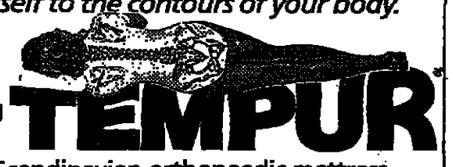
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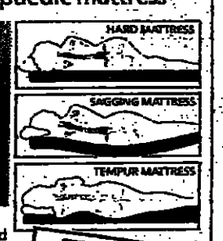
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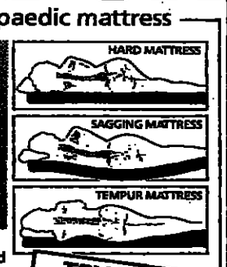
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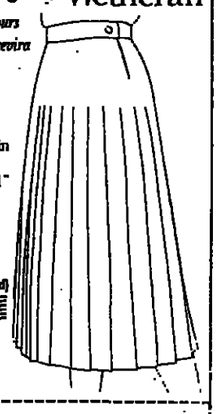
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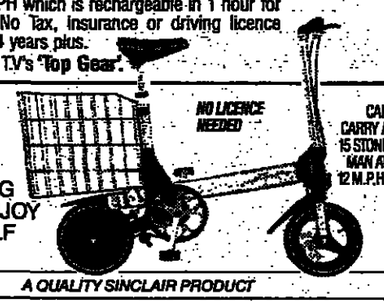
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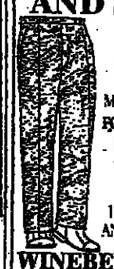
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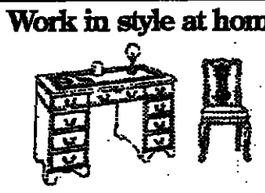
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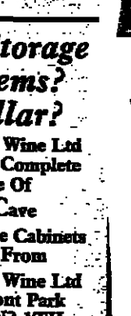
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Jane Bidder reports on do-it-yourself tree houses and garden games

High jinks in the tree house that dad built

Every child needs to escape from the adults at some time during the day, and a tree house provides the perfect bolt hole. What better spot could a youngster possibly pick to spy on "enemies" (the children next door or an annoying younger brother or sister), or to sit cross-legged on the wooden floor to read a book and munch an apple?

Right now, you will probably find 13-year-old Jodie Seddon perched at the top of her 12ft-high tree house with a good book. Her younger sister Flora, aged six, will be hosting a doll's tea party on the lower level (4ft high). "It's a lovely quiet place where we can go to think," says Jodie, as she stands on the top and surveys the fields and river beyond their home near Stony Stratford in Northamptonshire. "We think it's great."

When I was a child, my haven was a gnarled old apple tree with a V-shape in the middle that made a perfect perching spot. Now life is more sophisticated. Jodie and Flora's father, John, insists that he is no do-it-yourself enthusiast, but he still managed to build his daughters' tree house in "two or three weekends", using wood left over from an old barn and a sturdy rope which British Telecom had left behind after a job.

"I simply lashed a platform, with a safety rail, on the side of the tree and made steps leading down to the ground," he says. "When you get on to the platform, you have to climb the tree to reach the second level. It cost me nothing, apart from the price of a few bolts to make the structure secure."

Safety is crucial: the house needs to be firmly fixed and low enough to be safe but high enough to excite. Two levels might be the answer for a family with children of different ages: Flora, for instance, is not allowed on to the top platform. Parents who are not natural do-it-yourself buffs might do better buying a design from experts who can ensure the tree house is as safe as . . . well, houses.

TP Activity Toys makes a traditional DIY design, which seems both secure and imaginative. It is supported on a "pirate's deck" (£189.50), which consists of a metal platform with safety guards and accessory bars to take ladders, slides and so on. On that, you can either put a log cabin (£139.50 in kit form) or an alpine house (£59.50), which is a tubular steel frame with plastic cover to form a house with windows and door. Both are 4ft high. Although TP Activity Toys claims its design can be put up "in an hour or so", some of its stockists, such as Wicken Activity Toys Centre, Wicken, Buckinghamshire, can arrange installation for you.

Another company that makes tree houses is Quadro, whose model is in a black and red tubular style. Even non-handy adults should not find it difficult to build the 7ft-plus design. The base rests on the ground but needs a strong tree to lean against. Unlike its TP rival, the Quadro tree house does not provide as much protection from the rain as the sides are open underneath a gable roof. The tree house costs £220 from Early Learning, Toys 'R' Us, Argos superstores and Children's World.

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Jodie and Flora's tree house was made from odd bits and pieces

The garden can be a much-ignored asset for keeping children busy. A treasure hunt is a favourite pastime with my family. This requires preparation but buys you freedom while they are doing it.

To play the game, write out clues and hide them in relevant places (for example, "I'm drying out" — washing line). One clue should lead to another. The note under the washing line might read: "I start with the letter 'R' and smell nice." Sharp thinkers will then find a note by a rose. But avoid clues which encourage trampling on plants. Alternatively, give the children a list of things to find (a white petal, round stone, biggest leaf, and so on). The first child to return to base with them all is the winner.

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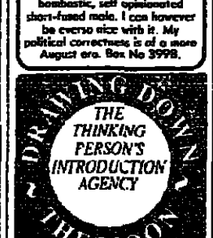
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Home, sweet floating home

Liz Gill meets some of the people who have opted out of bricks and mortar in favour of life on a boat

JULIAN HERBERT



Caroline and Carl Kirby-Turner, with their daughters Harriet and Jessica, enjoying all the comforts in their barge at Old Windsor

Carl and Caroline Kirby-Turner and their two daughters have holidayed throughout Britain and in France without ever leaving home. Such expeditions, they say, are part of the appeal of living on a 100ft Dutch barge.

"The freedom to move about is marvellous," says Mrs Kirby-Turner, a 40-year-old teacher. "I am absolutely not the aquatic type, but I do like the way of life."

The family share their enthusiasm with about 15,000 others who live on the rivers and canals of Britain in a variety of barges, cruisers, fishing boats, narrowboats and houseboats.

John McCormack, chairman of the Residential Boat Owners' Association, says: "Some people just like boats, and being on one all the time is their ultimate ambition. For others, it might be the mobility or the closeness to nature or the village atmosphere of a community of boat owners. For a lot of people, of course, the economic factors are a big consideration."

Mr McCormack, 45, bought his narrowboat on the Regent's Canal when he returned from working in Africa five years ago and was shocked by London property prices. A boat is usually cheaper than a house. A second-hand 40ft two-berth narrowboat can cost as little as £15,000; average size barges may cost between £40,000 and £50,000, with larger ones, such as the Kirby-Turners', fetching about £75,000. Houseboats with verandahs, on fixed pontoons on a desirable bit of river, can reach £100,000.

However, as Mr Kirby-Turner, a barge broker, points out, raising the finance is more difficult than with bricks and mortar. "A lot of people buy outright. You may be able to get a bank loan as you would for anything else, but only a few institutions will lend with the vessel itself as security."

Moorings can be another problem. A freehold mooring in a desirable spot might cost as much as the boat: a leasehold can be anything from £10 to £50 a week, plus an initial premium. All boat owners must be licensed by the appropriate canal or river authority to be on the water and, in theory, residential boat owners should have residential licences. However, since residential licences need official moorings, which are few and far between, in practice people tend to take out cruising licences and come to private or unofficial mooring arrangements with owners of water frontage.

The vessel itself must also meet various safety and navigational standards, and maintenance is another expense. "Boats need more attention than a house. The engine and the water system, for instance, have to be checked constantly" Mr McCormack says. "Most second-hand boats have to go into dry dock for a couple of weeks every two or three years to be painted and scraped. Nevertheless, boats kept in good condition hold their value in line with inflation."

The Kirby-Turners' 1924 barge, which is normally moored on the Thames at Old Windsor, Berkshire, has four sleeping cabins, two living areas, kitchen, bathroom and utility room in the spaces that once held cargo.



The Kirby-Turners paid £45,000 four years ago for their 1924 barge

"From the outside it still looks like a working barge, " says Mrs Kirby-Turner. "But inside we have all the comforts. At the same time there are things like the hatches over the living areas which can be pulled right back on summer days." Their daughters, Harriet, 11, and Jessica, 9, love it. "I really cannot see any disadvantages," their mother says. "I did fall in once or twice when I was pregnant and my balance was a bit off, but the children never have."

Many enthusiasts buy a shell and fit it out themselves. Theo Naser learnt welding and other skills in order to transform an £8,000, 55ft by 10ft barge hull into a three-bedroom home for himself and his family. Now worth £50,000, the barge is moored in a small community on the Thames near Chertsey, Surrey.

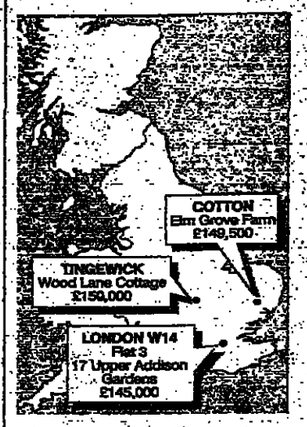
"The range of people who live here follow a variety of occupations — a TV producer, social workers, teachers, artists, a journalist," Mr Naser says. "You can either be a hermit or hold barbecues every night. What I like is the wonderful rural environment, particularly as it is only 40 minutes away from the centre of London. We have been down to the Thames Barrier in the barge and up to Pangbourne. It is smashing to take your home away, no suitcases, no unpacking.

"You have to be tidy and pretty disciplined to love on a barge or a boat. But it's a great environment. You live closer to the outdoors, so you are more aware of the elements and the river itself, but the best times — spring mornings, long summer evenings sitting out — are marvellous. We see foxes and rabbits and kingfishers. I found an adder in the engine room once, but we have never had any rats."

Cheryl Taylor travels to view a farmhouse, cottage and London flat

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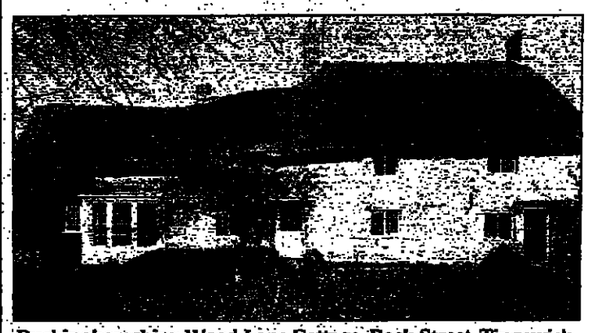




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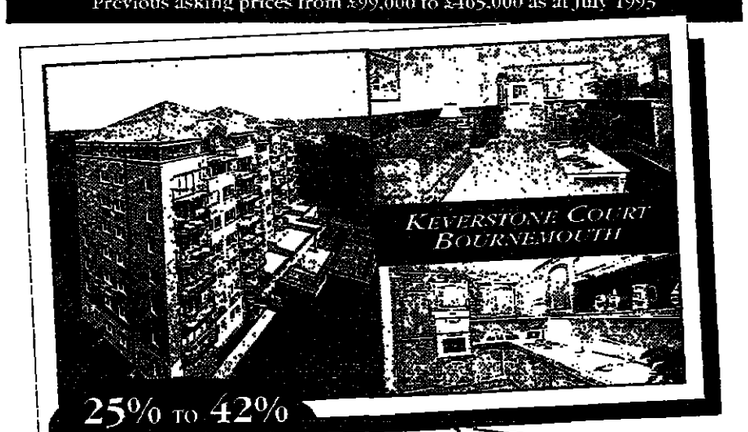
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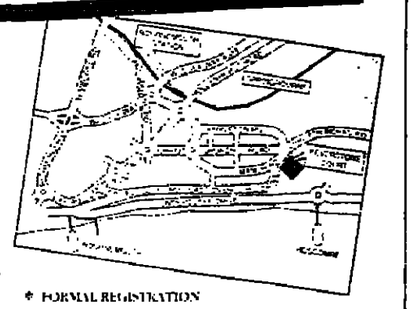
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Teetotal **Ruth Gledhill** pops into a Nottingham local where Baptists are taking the church into the community

Pub measure of the Holy Spirit



NOT wanting to be spotted entering a pub at 10.30 on a Sunday morning, I parked my car round the back of the Grey Goose Inn in Gedling, Nottingham, and almost ran through the side entrance. I need not have worried. The bar was closed and the drinkers were probably in bed, sleeping off the results of the rock party the night before. There was only a cleaner, and two people washing glasses and tidying up behind the bar.

Since March, a group of Nottingham Baptists, determined to take church to the people rather than expect them to come to it, have met in the Ganders music bar of the Grey Goose for 45 minutes of worship, praise and prayer. Opposite the site of the Gedling Colliery, which closed in 1991, and between a private and a council housing estate, the pub seemed an ideal venue for the Baptists' new church because it is at the heart of the community. A vivid green poster outside states: "No strings attached. No hidden clauses. Jesus loves you. Just as you are."

WE SAT on low, cushioned bar stools; a Chesterfield sofa served as the front "pew". Two sisters, Jodie, four, and Jessica, five, perched on high bar stools at the back. Beneath the darkened disco lights, the minister, the Rev Graham Coventry, stood with his microphone on the disco floor, ready to lead us in the service.

Most of the 20 adults were in their Sunday best, with their many children in party clothes. Most said they would visit a pub occasionally, but were not regular drinkers.

Baptists are traditionally evangelical Christians and are renowned for their missionary zeal. The Gedling Baptists are no exception. Mr Coventry visits the pub regularly during opening hours, although he sticks to Coke, and had recently braved a bikers' night to talk and answer questions. Most of the church members are adult converts, having had little or no contact with churches in their youth. He runs discussion groups called "you must be joking" groups — that being the most common response from people invited for the first time.

Much of the worship was spontaneous, and the structure is fluid and can change each week. Mr Coventry began: "We are just going to bow our heads for a word of prayer first and ask the Lord Jesus to be with us in a special way. Father, we thank you this lovely Sunday morning. The sunshine so often reminds us of how warm and great you are. We thank you that as well as the sunshine outside, there is the joy of knowing you on the inside.

"I need some help now because I want to declare that Jesus is alive. There are people who live around here and do not know that Jesus is alive."

Simon Nicholas, a rock guitarist, played, and his wife Ann helped us with "actions" to the first hymn — these involved shouting and waving our hands.

The Bible readings consisted of two verses, from St John's gospel and the prophet Jeremiah, and the sermon was aimed primarily at the children. Mr Coventry said: "I was thinking about friendship with God this week. Real life is being friends with Jesus, being friends with God."

Matthew Scott, six, held up a tissue-paper sign: "Meet and know them." Two other children held up other signs, and Mr Coventry proceeded to crumple up the tissues and put them into a "magic box". The tissues seemed to disappear, to the silent fascination of the children, while he pulled out another, "Be friends with God", muttering that he hoped nobody would be too worried about the theology of this trick. The children were then sent to the back, where they sat on the floor filling in worksheets on "being friends with God", while we were encouraged to give thanks for "the good things that God has done", to pray for the community and "to listen" to God in a few moments of silence. Some members prayed out loud, before we moved into a session of praise, led by Mr Nicholas.

Afterwards, some of the members explained the appeal. Lynn Walton, a community care assistant with three children, said: "I think it is great. We need to be where people are. Most people won't come to a church." Brian Matthews, former miner and now a part-time postman, said: "It feels like a church to me, not like a pub."

Mr Coventry said: "Jesus is far better than any opiate this world can offer, whether it is drink, drugs or anything else. It is much more exciting to be a Christian than it is to imbibe any of those kinds of stimuli."

He referred me to the Acts of the Apostles, 2. Here, St Peter and the disciples were accused of drunkenness after speaking in tongues on the day of Pentecost in Jerusalem. Addressing the crowd, Peter defended his apostles, stating they could not possibly be drunk, because it was only nine o'clock in the morning.

● *Sunday service. 10.30am.*

RUI VIEIRA/EMPICS



The Rev Graham Coventry takes his microphone to lead the morning service on the disco floor at the Grey Goose Inn at Gedling, Nottingham

Gedling Baptist Church, Grey Goose Inn, Arnold Lane, Gedling, Nottingham NG2 4DA (0602 691290).

MINISTER: The Rev Graham Coventry.

PUBLICAN: Frank Starbuck.

ARCHITECTURE: Mock Georgian, built 1950s.★★

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What the papers said:

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5/5 *Pleasure ratings are awarded to a maximum of five. Column centimetres indicate length of reviews to date in national broadsheet newspapers.*

4/5 **Wot, no horses?** "There's hardly a horse to be seen in Dick Francis's 32nd runaway winner," said Felicia Lamb, reviewing his *Decider* (Michael Joseph, £14.99) in *The Mail on Sunday*. But that did not stop her or any of the reviewers from flogging the racing metaphors to describe this story of an architect and his many schoolboy sons all battling with a dastardly racecourse owner.

"All the heady excitement of a Grand National," declared Lynda Lee-Potter in the *Daily Mail*, rather forgetting last spring's disaster. Remembering it, Bill Hagerty in the *Sunday Express* said "there should be a steward's inquiry" to decide why he had not discovered Dick Francis earlier. Charles Spencer in the *Sunday Telegraph thought that Francis was in* "classic mid-season form" — and also that the novel had a "richness of texture and a fund of human understanding". Total disagreement from Christopher Wordsworth in *The Observer*: "Gosh, what tosh! But what *readable* tosh!"
Col cms: 81

3/5 **Dee day:** Peter Ackroyd's new novel, *The House of Doctor Dee* (Hamish Hamilton, £14.99), is about a lonely historical researcher who goes to live in the London house which belonged to the Elizabethan alchemist John Dee. Caroline Moore in *The Times* found that he had written "a good old-fashioned spine-chiller of a ghost story, which will also be taken seriously as a modern novel". Other reviewers made heavier weather of it. In *The Observer*, Eavan Boland wondered if "a confidence trick is being played on the reader who, having gone along with several possible levels of meaning, is demoted by the end to a mere and gullible observer" (not very polite to his own paper, that). Penny Perrick in *The Sunday Times* said that Ackroyd "can turn the dingiest slice of London into a place that brims over with treasures", but while you *would enjoy that from the* driver of a tour-bus, it was "less than you're entitled to expect from a novelist". Laura Cumming in *The Guardian* concluded that "Ackroyd's head is so filled with voices he is deaf to the world", while Paul Bailey in *The Daily Telegraph* pronounced the book "preposterous". Go and haunt them, Ackroyd.
Col cms: 211

5/5 **7½ million words:** That is the span of *The New Shorter Oxford English Dictionary* (Oxford, £60), whose publication was hailed on all sides last week. However, the reviewers *homed in at once on the* words that particularly interested them. In the *Daily Mail*, Keith Waterhouse was indignant that the entry for *naff* gave it as "origin unkn". "It is not unkn at all," he announced. "As an intransitive verb, *naff* first appeared in print in my novel *Billy Liar* in 1959." In *The Observer*, Anthony Burgess praised the dictionary's candour and reminded us that Browning used *the word twat in Pippa Passes* thinking it meant a nun's headgear — "the literary world's worst brick", as the lexicographer Eric Partridge said. In *The Sunday Telegraph* Nicholas Bagnall wanted to know when the phrase *make love* changed its meaning from "hardly more than flirting". "Overwhelming verbal nourishment", concluded Burgess.
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Vladimir Ashkenazy in action at the keyboard: "Music is, for me, a sweet slavery," he claims, but the results never sound like hard labour

THE TIMES CD DIRECT

Many famous musicians can talk about their "big break". Perhaps they deputised for an ailing veteran and wowed the jaded critics. Perhaps they attracted the attentions, honourable or otherwise, of a sugar daddy. It happens. Names withheld by request of *The Times*'s lawyers.

But the expression "big break" can rarely have been used as literally as in the case of Vladimir Ashkenazy. The year was 1963. Inside Russia the pianist, still in his early twenties, was already considered to be a virtuoso in the same league as Richter, Rostropovich, Oistrakh. Every perk available to a Supreme Soviet Artist — dacha in the country: as much vodka as you needed to get through the day — was his for the asking.

In the wider world, too, his fame was growing. While still a teenager he had picked up second prize in the Warsaw Chopin Competition, gone on to win a major piano competition in Brussels and toured America. And in 1962 he had been joint winner (with John Ogdon) in the biggest piano steeplechase of all: the Tchaikovsky in Moscow. The young Russian seemed not only a superb musician, but a model advertisement for Soviet life. He was conformist in thought, word and deed.

Or so it seemed. As Ashkenazy revealed years later, his life was fraught with tension, conflicts and fear. The miracle is that, as with so many musical geniuses, his artistry remained inviolate.

He had been forcibly recruited by the KGB to spy on his fellow Moscow Conservatoire students (the KGB eventually sacked him for being useless at it). He had been banned from accepting foreign engagements for three years, allegedly for having impure thoughts about Marxist-Leninism. Worst of all, he had married a foreigner: an Icelandic pianist studying at the Moscow Conservatoire, whose family lived in north London.

The events of 1963 were fast and curious. Ashkenazy's wife and child came back to England. Ashkenazy, having made a stunning British concert debut, said he was staying here, too. The Russians were outwardly understanding: inwardly (having carelessly mislaid Rudolf Nureyev) they seethed and plotted. The pianist and his wife were lured back to Russia with trick exit-visas. Once back, they were effectively held captive.

Ashkenazy, however, proved shrewder than the granite-faced spooks of the Lubyanka. He issued a statement to the Western press, *saying that he had decided to* stay in Moscow after all. The Russians were duped, and allowed the Ashkenazys back to London to collect their baby son. This time, they stayed for good. But by doing so, Ashkenazy effectively severed himself from his own mother and father. He would not return to Russia for 26 years.

Those extraordinary events 30 years ago are worth recalling, because they shed light on Ashkenazy as man and musician. What you see is not quite what you get, and this unexpectedness makes him a fascinating performer.

You see a tiny, almost innocuous figure: yet you often hear performances of rampant power and spectacular virtuosity. You meet a courteous but almost self-effacing man: *then you encounter playing of* a subtlety and individuality that grips the attention.

You expect a Russian temperament, fiery and soulful: and indeed Ashkenazy can produce the fireworks where necessary. Yet this is a talent that can also deliver Mozart and Chopin with delicate nuance, or Beethoven with a profundity that would be the envy of the Teutonic classes. In some ways, his view of musical interpretation — that it should be "as transparent as glass" — is more akin to a period-instrument performer *than a quintessential, wilful* Russian virtuoso.

I only wish that he had appeared as a pianist more often in recent years. At some point in the 1970s he persuaded himself to become a conductor, first with the Philharmonia, then (after the usual murky machinations of the London orchestral world) with the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra, whose music director he still is. His conducting has improved greatly. But his gifts on the podium are never going to match his genius on the ivories.

Still, the latter is captured *on his recordings, and CD* Direct offers four of his finest. In conversation, he has often presented himself as a diligent workhouse. "Music is, for me, a sweet slavery" is a favourite expression. Well, that isn't how it sounds. His playing exudes a glorious warmth and natural grace that sounds effortless. Only Ashkenazy knows how much blood, sweat, toil and tears it took to achieve. Like the manner in which he won his freedom 30 years ago, the anguish of preparation is belied by the brilliance of execution.

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As even his sworn enemies would admit, **Wynton Marsalis** emerged as *the* symbol of jazz in the Eighties. Strange, then, that we have had to wait so long for a compilation album. In spite of its hopelessly inadequate liner notes, offering no information on the source of the tracks, *Resolution to Swing* (Columbia 473929) forms a solid overview. With so many of Marsalis's albums flitting in *and out of print, newcomers* can start here.

Rather than proceeding chronologically, the collection begins with the clever but impersonal series of tempo changes on "April in Paris", taken from *Marsalis Standard Time, Vol One.* There is more of a human touch to the ebullient Ellington pastiche on "Big Trouble in the Easy" — sadly the only selection from the 1990 soundtrack *Tune In Tomorrow* — and "Oh, but on the Third Day" (from *The Majesty of the Blues*) carries the authentic flavour of a traditional street dance.

Marsalis's mastery of different jazz styles — he has slowly worked his way back to the prehistoric era of *Buddy Bolden* — is beyond question. It is still too early to place him alongside the greats, but the compositional skill on his dance score *Citi Movement* (Columbia import C2K-53324) lifts him head and shoulders above his contemporaries.

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Marsalis is coming close to bridging the gap between jazz and classical disciplines. Even allowing for the occasional *longueur*, the work is far more focused and rhythmically varied than the gospel suite performed at the Proms last month. While his musicians still lack individuality, their precision brings out the full detail of the writing.

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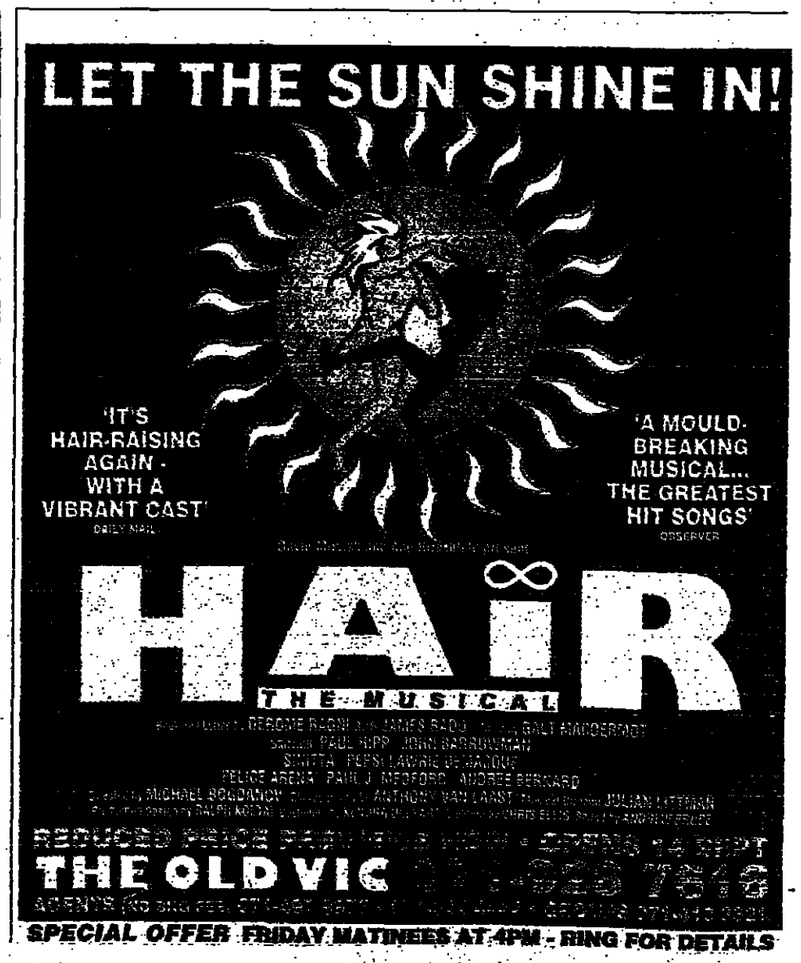
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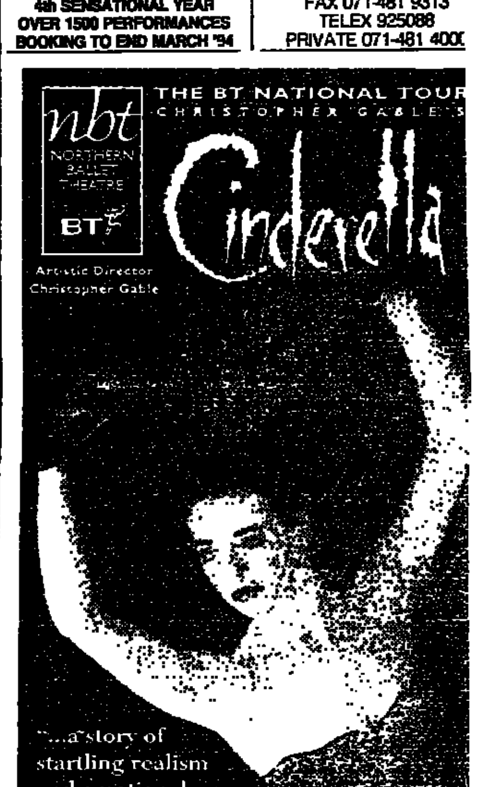
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GARDENING

A tropical fantasy to prolong the summer

Christopher Lloyd, one of Britain's leading gardeners, tells how he has uprooted his Lutyens rose garden to create a tropical illusion with luscious foliage



Above and right: Christopher Lloyd in his "tropical" garden. Far right (top): how it was

A garden should never be static, or else it will regress. We have a rose garden, de- ed by Lutyens and en- ed by yew hedges on three s, that was laid out in . As most gardeners w, roses cannot be success- y replaced by other roses ess the soil is changed, erwise the replacements are cted by "replant disease". why go to the trouble of lacing them? I would rather w something else.

This year, therefore, all, or rly all, those old favourites, adame Isaac Pereire", adame Butterfly", "Grüss Teplitz", "Caroline Testout" the rest, have been ex- med with a great rending of ts. The formal design of ls, interlarded with York ne paving, has been re- ded in its pristine state. We ve started again. I have been couraged and stimulated by appointment of Fergus rrett as head gardener, who oung and enthusiastic.

The old rose garden, as I w call it, is enclosed by yew dges and is extremely hot in mmer, just the place to ate a feel of the tropics, wever spurious. To live in gland and yet to be sur- nded by plants creating an sion of the tropics is lulling. r a few months you can agine that winter does not st. The garden will reach its max in late summer and rly autumn. In winter and ring, it can be entirely empty if I am feeling rich, I can fill with tulips and other spring dding. This year, at least. I all not expect to provide any ated winter protection for stock.

Tubers of dahlias and rhi- mes of cannas will be stored a cool, frost-free spot — that all. I do have a barely heated eenhouse, already full to rsting in the cold season, in hich I might pot up the nana. Until I have enough of to risk most of my stock tside all year round, I shall some litter of fern fronds er it to protect against the netration of deep frost.

Plants will create the tropical usion mainly by their foliage. he larger the leaves, the tter. Cannas are wonderful, with luscious leaves in purple or green or, in the case of *Canna musifolia* (the banana-leaved canna), green with purple margins and veins. It will grow 9ft tall in a season. Its leaves can get torn by strong winds, but these are unlikely to penetrate my sheltered old rose garden until late autumn. This canna does not flower in Europe, but many varieties do with great panache, with blooms like silk handkerchiefs. They may be red, orange, pink, yellow, or yellow with orange spots. Once you start to collect them it is hard to stop. The hardier kinds will overwinter outside, in the same way as dahlias, but it is a risk.

We box up some, in old potting compost, late in autumn, storing the fleshy rhizomes in a cellar. They are watered once a week to prevent them from drying out and shrivelling. They are brought out when the danger of frost is past to convalesce in our frame-yard until planting out in June.

Much the same routine is used with dahlias, and we are growing some of those, including the old "Bishop of Llandaff", with its red flowers and fern-like purple leaves. Most varieties of dahlia have unexciting leaves, but their flowers make up for it.

The banana, *Musa basjoo*, is a hardy and fairly dwarf Japanese species. I am glad that it should keep its head down, as banana leaves tear to shreds in a windy situation.

Another handsome-leaved, half-hardy plant is *Tetrapanax papyriferus*, with large, furry, palmate leaves. We shall lift and pot that one up for the winter. Anything with *panax* as a suffix is likely to have good leaves. *Kalopanax pictus* has deeply fingered, palmate leaves, and they will be large if the plant is treated as a shrub by cutting it back hard every year. It is hardy, as is *Paulownia tomentosa*, which can be grown from seed. It has huge, furry, heart-shaped leaves, as much as 2ft across. Once established, it should be cut to the ground annually, allowing a single stem to develop after that. Treated as a shrub, the "tree of heaven", *Ailanthus altissima*, will produce pinnate leaves of 2ft or more.

There is a splendid red hot poker, *Kniphofia caulescens*, whose chief attraction is its large rosettes of glaucous leaves, although it does also flower, usually in autumn.

I have *Begonia haageana* standing on the dining-room window sill in winter, but it likes the fresh air during the summer months. In May, I cut it back fairly hard, then divided it into five pieces. I kept one of them in a pot and planted out the others. I grow it for its leaves, purple on the underside and felted, but it carries pink blossom in autumn. I am also growing Nonstop begonias for their flowers. These are tuberous rooted and can be stored dry in winter.

Long and broad-leaved grasses make a contrast to this kind of foliage. The giant reed grass, *Arundo donax*, is supreme and quite hardy. It can grow 12ft to 14ft in a single season. Its leaves are glaucous, while in the more exotic variegated form, they are broadly striped in green and cream. The variegated variety grows to only 2 or 3ft and is not very hardy. Evergreen and with stout linear leaves is *Astelia chathamica*, which is grey green with a bloom on the surface. I leave that outside.

We have grown the easier kinds of datura from seed, such as *Datura sanguinea*, which has red flowers, and *D. meteloides*, which has white trumpets, scented at night. If you can overwinter it under frost-free glass, *D. suaveolens* is the most imposing, with huge white trumpets.

Architectural Plants is one of the best sources for these exotica, which cost about £10-£15 for a fairly rare plant. Many, however, can be started from seed, of which Thompson & Morgan and Chiltern Seeds have a good selection.

A bed in any warm and sheltered spot can be given the tropical treatment, and you can experiment annually with different ingredients on the same theme. That is my intention. I am enjoying myself.

● *Christopher Lloyd's garden at Great Dixter, Northiam, Rye, East Sussex TN31 6PH is open daily, except Monday, 2-5pm, until October 10; then Saturday and Sunday, 2-5pm, until October 24 (information on 0797 253160).*
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I'm no longer blowing bubbles

At Cap Ferrat, Alan Copps conquers a lifelong fear of water by dunking his head in a salad bowl

I took a deep breath and plunged my face into the water. Through my goggles I could see the sun shining on the Mediterranean. I breathed out as instructed, through my mouth at first and then gently, I thought, through my nose. Then I heard a voice: "No, no, your bubbles are too anarchic."

I emerged, snorted to clear my nose of water and turned to hear more criticism of my breathing. Facing me was Pierre Gruneberg, arguably the world's most famous swimming instructor. Between us on the edge of the pool at Cap Ferrat stood the symbol of his method — a large glass salad bowl in which I had been dunking my face at regular intervals for the past half hour.

Mr Gruneberg once said he wanted to teach the world to swim. In 40 years, his pupils have included the children of Charlie Chaplin and Paul McCartney and hundreds of celebrities, whose triumphs in the pool are commemorated in his "golden book", a huge album of which he is enormously proud.

But what gives him most satisfaction is to teach the difficult cases: those who, like me, for one reason or another are afraid of the water. Admitting such a fear is often the most difficult step. It helps to be able to do it at the Bel Air Hotel in Cap Ferrat, one of the most romantic locations on the Riviera, where the pool is set among the rocks at the foot of its own funicular railway.

Mr Gruneberg arrived here 40 years ago. "I took one look at the pool and decided to stay," he says. It is not difficult to see why: the hotel dominates one of the most picturesque promontories of the Riviera. Turn one way and the hotel restaurant stretches along the poolside. Turn the other and the impression is that you are swimming in the Mediterra-



MARTIN BEDDALL



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Left: a banana tree illustrated in 1880. Above and below: line drawings from a volume of the *Ludolphus History of Ethiopia* — "The ripe fruit, 40 for 50 upon one stalk", and "One Figge to the full proportion"



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's challenge: "By the end
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Once I had learnt to breathe, I had to learn to float. I stretched on my back in the shallow end, breathing as instructed. "Don't move," he called as he turned to advise my wife Anna about her swimming style. I lay there for what seemed like hours, staring at the sky. Their voices had stopped. A sudden fear seized me. Was this some diabolical trick? Had I drifted off towards the deep end? I spun round,

Alan Copps learns to control his bubbles (left), before floating in the pool (above)

put my foot down and hit the bottom of the pool. I was in exactly the same spot.

"I told you not to move. That was only three minutes. I want you to stay there for ten," called Mr Gruneberg. So that is what I did. "Now I want to show you something else — take a breath and float face down," he said. I did. He planted his foot in the middle of my back and pushed me down so I was lying on the floor of the pool. Without warning, he took it away and I bobbed up to the surface. "You see how difficult it is to drown?"

He took me to the deep end. "Go down the steps, and then push yourself down the pole to the bottom." I pushed, too timidly, and bounced straight up. Then I pushed harder. I was standing on the bottom, two metres deep. I let go, bobbed to the surface, exhaled in a rush and gulped in a mixture of water and air.

Mr Gruneberg grinned, nodding his head. "Remember, never breathe in with your mouth under water. Isn't that obvious?" He made me repeat the drill several times, then he had me floating on my back in the deep end. Then he made me turn over and swim from side to side. It seemed an extraordinary achievement in little more than a day, but Mr Gruneberg was cautious.

"Fear built up over the years can't be dealt with so quickly. It would be crazy to lose your confidence now because someone decided to dive or make a splash." So at his insistence, I wore a pair of little water-wings, like a child. But instead of letting me splash around in the shallow end, Mr Gruneberg said: "Now I will take you to the sea."

We stood on the rocks beside an inviting cove, and I put on flippers and goggles. "Just go down this ladder like you did at the deep end. Put your head under the sea and look. We should all love the sea. Look at the fish," he said.

I saw three whitebait-sized fish lurking among the rocks, anemones waving in the current and a crab scuttling on the bottom. "Come on. Come with me," said Mr Gruneberg. And we swam out together beyond the lee of the rocks into a small bay. "Now lie on your back in the sea." And I did. "I can see the fear is going," he said as we swam slowly back towards the shore. "But I don't think you're quite ready for the sea alone." Then he splashed the tip of a wave straight in my face. For a second I was afraid, then I laughed. "You'll soon be ready," he said.

He left me at the ladder and turned alone for the open sea. "I'll see you at dinner. I'm just off to the lighthouse now."

Factbox

Where to stay: The Hotel Bel-Air Cap-Ferrat, Boulevard du General de Gaulle 06230, Saint Jean Cap Ferrat, France (010 33 93 765050) is ten miles from Nice and six miles from Monte Carlo. The hotel has 59 air-conditioned rooms and eight suites. Its 80-seat gourmet restaurant has a Michelin star and there is a poolside restaurant. In addition to the Club Dauphin pool, there are two tennis courts. Bicycles are available and there is a golf course nearby. Room rates for bed and breakfast range from FFr 2,000 (about £230) in the high season to FFr 950 (about £110) in the winter months. The hotel is a member of Relais & Châteaux.

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Swimming instruction: This is led by Pierre Gruneberg, whose students have included Aristotle Onassis. This autumn he will inaugurate a pool in the new fitness gallery at the Savoy in London, and teach at the Lygon Arms, Broadway, Worcestershire WR12 7DD (0386 852255).

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In Italy, **Francesca Greenoak** admires the garden of La Mortella, designed by Russell Page

Structure and soul of a rocky ravine

Making a garden is a very personal thing. I am continually perplexed about how far you can feel that a garden is actually your own, when it has been designed for you by a celebrated professional landscape architect. I found some insights into the conundrum in the beautiful and very personal garden of La Mortella on the Isle of Ischia, in the Bay of Naples.

Here, the chief gardener is Susana Walton, who, in 1956, with her husband, the composer Sir William Walton, called in Russell Page, the internationally famous English garden designer, to create a garden in a rocky ravine where they had decided to settle.

In its original state, La Mortella resembled a stone quarry, but it was the inherent drama of the great boulders and a high craggy hillside of volcanic rock which inspired both its owners and Mr Page. He believed that the landscape itself should determine the logic of the garden design, and his own taste for dramatic vistas and architectural planting found expression in a garden plan of axial paths, shapely *umbrella pines, agaves and yuccas*, palms and other semi-tropical trees and shrubs.

The design took more than a decade to make and plant, but during this period Lady Walton became a gardener. She joined the International Dendrology Society and planted trees (many of which she grew from seed) that provided the shade and humidity necessary for other plants to thrive. She planted a glorious grove of hydrangeas, many sweetly-scented plants, such as the climbing *Jasminum polyanthum* and the powder-puff-flowered tree, *Calliandra portoricensis*, and many favourites from her birthplace, Argentina. It took 12 years for the tall *Jacaranda mimosifolia*, which she grew from seed, to flower its glorious purple, and the rare bromeliad, *Puya alpestris*, which she loved from childhood, to produce its first purple-black flowers this year.

Lady Walton also developed a passion for conservation. On the higher rocky reaches of the garden, she encouraged native wild plants, under threat elsewhere on the island, and on the upper terraces I saw the pretty blue Mediterranean lupin (*Lupinus angustifolius*), charming drifts of wild carrot and dainty vetches and orchids as well as myrtle, from which the garden got its name La Mortella.

When Mr Page returned after 12 years, the garden had begun to mature, and it was possible to incorporate pools and fountains, since the Waltons had built large underground cisterns, which collected water during winter rains. It continued to grow, never losing Mr Page's structural elegance, but gaining new hillside paths, terrace gardens and elements which were purely horticultural.

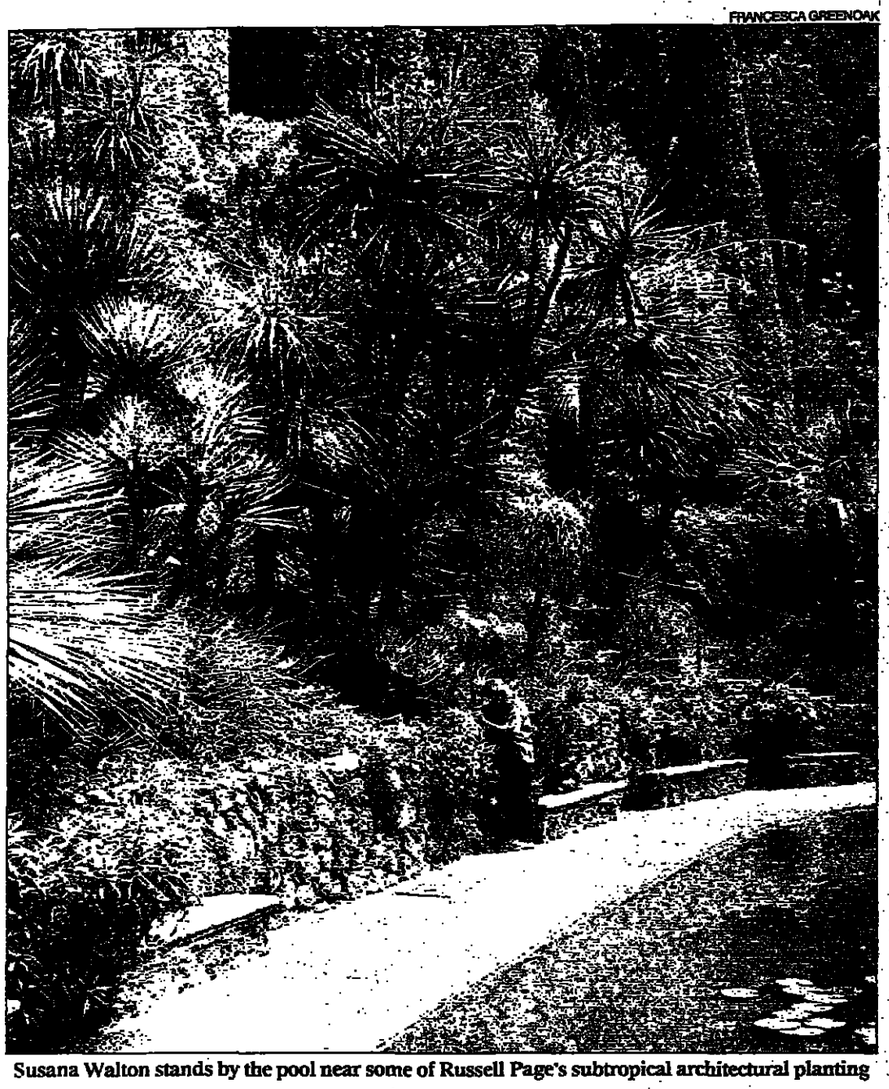
The men of the island, Lady Walton says, have a genius for working stone, and the miles of pathways and dry-stone walls are fashioned with great sensitivity to the landscape.

The boulders were softened, though never concealed, by fragrant and colourful climbing plants. New introductions such as the Canary Island geranium *Geranium palmatum*, naturalised eagerly in the soil of La Mortella. Sir William, on tour in New Zealand, sent home some tree ferns, which did spectacularly well. To Lady Walton's delight, the rare fern *Woodwardia radicans* also naturalised.

On his third and last visit, Mr Page, although he had sometimes disapproved of some of the colourful flowers and shrubs, conceded that La Mortella had become "a distinguished garden". His endowment was its elegant structure; Lady Walton's continuous love and attention gave it soul.

● *La Mortella, 80075 Forio, Isola d'Ischia, Naples, Italy (010 39 81986220), is now open to the public on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays, 9am-7pm. Naples is the nearest airport, then take the ferry from Mergellina to Ischia.*

FRANCESCA GREENOAK



Susana Walton stands by the pool near some of Russell Page's subtropical architectural planting

WEEKEND TIPS

● *Bring in without delay any tender pot plants (such as scented geraniums, oleanders and citrus fruit) that are still outdoors.*
● *Clear out and clean greenhouses and well-lit sheds before you have to put overwintering plants in them.*
● *Bring cyclamen gradually into flowering condition by watering and feeding; do not repot unless absolutely necessary.*
● *Rake lawns thoroughly, taking out the thatch of dead grass and moss.*



Plant snowdrops in turf now

BEST BUYS

Spring-flowering bulbs are now coming into the garden centres. You can plant daffodils, snowdrops and scillas for naturalising in turf — the general rule is to put the bulbs in at twice their own depth, growth point upwards, a little deeper in the cultivated soil of flowerbeds and borders. Tulips are best planted a little later, about mid-autumn. Containers can be planted now, placing spring bulbs at a lower depth, and adding winter pansies for flowers during the autumn and winter months.

THE PERFECT WEEKEND

VICTORIA WOOD

Comedian



Where would you go?
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How would you get there?
I would drive there in a fastish car on an empty motorway.

Where would you stay?
In my stone farmhouse with an orchard, paddock, herb garden, vegetable patch, croquet lawn, sea views and clean sheets. (It does not exist.)

Who would be your perfect companion?
Geoff, husband, professional magician and spotter of ceiling cracks, and our two children — Grace, who is nearly five, and Henry, who is 15 months.

What essential piece of clothing or kit would you take?
Taffeta ballgown, rhinestone-studded stiletto, leopardskin bustier, wet-look posing pouch and open-crotch walking jacket.

What medicines would accompany you?
Calpol, which I take everywhere.

What would you have to eat?
Double egg and chips with white bread and marge, which is a treat I have on special occasions.

What would you have to drink?
A large tea.

Which books would you take to read?
The Swish of the Curtain by Pamela Brown, which is my favourite book, and murder mysteries by Agatha Christie, Dorothy L. Sayers or Ruth Rendell.

What music would you listen to?
Fats Waller, Bix Beiderbecke, the jazz cornettist, and — if the child seats are occupied — "The Wheels on the Bus Go Round and Round".

What would you watch on television?
Antiques Roadshow, anything written by Alan Plater, and a live concert where José Carreras has not learnt the words.

What film would you watch?
Anything with Anthony Hopkins.

Would you play any games?
"Where are the car keys?" — I play that most weekends. "Have we locked the back door?" is another favourite.

What luxury would you take?
A baby who can make tea.

What piece of art would you like to have there?
Anything by Henry Moore — I could pop my car keys into one of those holes.

Who would be your least welcome guest?
A bob-a-job VAT inspector with halitosis.

What three things would you leave behind?
My piano, my washing machine and any letter asking me to contribute to a book.

What three things would you most like to do?
1. Have a long walk around Morecambe. 2. Buy tons of second-hand books for 2p each. 3. Have tea in a café without anyone next to me saying, "Oh, you know who I mean, she works with Julie Walters."

Who would you send a postcard to?
I would just send one to our house, to be read by anyone who has broken in.

What souvenir would you bring home?
A slate and gingham Teasmade-cum-barometer in the shape of Catherine Cookson.

What would you like to find when you got home?
That whoever had broken in had ironed the tea towels and popped the kettle on.

Interview by
Rosanna Greenstreet

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Matthew May analyses the latest advances in leisure technology at Britain's newest five-day consumer electronics show


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Digital magic has arrived

The latest in leisure and home entertainment technology will be displayed at Live '93, a new exhibition at Olympia, in London, sponsored by *The Times*. The five-day event, *opening next Thursday, is Britain's* biggest consumer electronics show.

A huge amount of advanced equipment is on the market this year as a result of new developments and a fiercely competitive industry battle to produce attractive products. Many reflect the fact that the world of the near future will be increasingly digital.

The *computerati* have long been aware of the advantages of reducing information to a string of digital numbers, but it was when the same idea was used to create the compact disc that a truly mass market for digital equipment in the home started.

Now that is being applied in many other areas, helped by remarkable advances in digital compression. The ability to cram ever more information into a limited space is bringing about what was considered impossible only a few years ago.

This technology will soon make hundreds of television channels possible. New hi-fi systems equipped with digital recorders, which can record music with the same sound quality as that of compact discs, are already available.

Digital compression is also behind new mobile-phone networks that will sell at half of today's price, "multimedia" personal computers with excellent video and sound, and new types of "interactive" players for the home that offer computer games with "real" actors, and films for which viewers can decide how a plot develops.

For the film, video or broadcast enthusiast, Live '93 will feature the new types of television sets going on sale, including models that are larger, and smaller, than ever before. One of the fastest-growing areas is home cinema, where large-screen televisions with impressive stereo provide a good approximation of the cinema experience in the living-room.

On the latest wide-screen televisions you can watch films in the same wider shape as they appear at the cinema. Conventional television sets cut off the sides of films or show them in "letter-box" format with black bands above and below the picture. For those who want an even larger picture, Sharp is displaying a video projector able to show pictures with a diagonal width of up to 8ft 4in.

At the opposite end of the scale, the show features the first television set to be built into a pair of spectacles. It contains earphones for the sound and projects a television image six to 15 feet away as large as that of a big-screen television. Because the image is placed only in the lower field of vision, wearers are able to see normally when they look straight ahead.

"You can walk the dog and watch the news," says Virtual Vision, the company behind the concept.

Those more interested in camcorders can see an innovative model from Sharp which has a 4in colour monitor built in so that it does not have to be held to the eye.

Mobile phones, at present used mostly for business, are increasingly being aimed at private customers. Smaller, neater phones are being offered, as well as new networks at lower charges for those users who have to pay their own bills.

At Live '93, Sony will be showing a new mobile phone the size of a pack of playing cards. If you use an optional personal-stereo earpiece and microphone, the rest of the phone can be reduced to the size of a credit card.

This week a new mobile network started within a circle bounded by the M25 offering Londoners free phone calls at off-peak hours. Mercury One 2 One, will charge private users a subscription of £12.50 a month. As the network is digital, the calls are almost impossible for eavesdroppers to pick up. Phones cost from £250 and Mercury claims that its overall charges can be half that of rivals.

For those interested in serious home computing, Amstrad, the British company, is showing what it claims is the fastest-ever budget machine, and Apple will use Live '93 for the British launch of its electronic notepad, the Message Pad, which dispenses with the keyboard and uses an electronic pen that can recognise handwriting.

Parents visiting the show may want to leave their children for a while in the Forcefield Plaza Games Gallery, where the latest video games software, including Jurassic Park, Kevin Keegan's Player Manager and Street Fighter 2 Turbo, can be tried.

Gridbuster, a new virtual reality game, will be on offer, and for the first time in Britain, Commodore will show a new games console that uses compact discs instead of cartridges.

Live '93 features free seminars and workshops, ranging from how to get the best from your camera, how to fit — and make sure you keep — a car stereo music system, and how to produce newsletters and invitations on a Macintosh computer.

There will be advice on choosing a hi-fi or computer system, and demonstrations on what can be achieved in the field of home automation will be on display from Celtel, which will demonstrate how you can switch off your lights or turn on the garden sprinkler by telephone. And BT will give visitors a chance to try the first videophones to go on sale in Britain.

Radio stations, such as Virgin, Jazz FM, LBC and Kiss will also be taking part in the show and hosting a variety of music acts from a radio stage. They range from heavy metal and pop music to the finals for the Guitarist of the Year competition. Many of them, no doubt, will be using the latest electronic music equipment.

● *Live '93 will run from Thursday until September 20 at Olympia, London, from 9.30am daily. There will be late night opening on Thursday and Friday until 9.30pm and the show closes at the weekend at 7.30pm and 5pm on Monday, the last day. Tickets, at £7 each or £16 for a family of up to two adults and three children, are on sale from London Underground ticket office or at Olympia. After 4pm, tickets cost £5 or £12 for a family ticket. Children under 16 must be accompanied by an adult.*

Press button time for the budding rock star

Modern musical instruments are winning more and more fans

Generations of musicians, amateur and professional, started their careers on battered upright pianos and cheap guitars. But today's budding classical and rock stars have a *head start.*

The burgeoning, high-tech home-music industry features new developments that can turn an ordinary living-room into the equivalent of a professional recording studio, combining the sounds of a wide range of instruments into a home orchestra.

Modern instruments couple traditional musical conventions with the latest advances in computer technology and *digitised sound.*

Electronic keyboards are popular in many homes, but the sounds they produce are almost always synthesised versions of the real instrument, varying in authenticity from instrument to instrument.

But there is also the fast-expanding field of digital pianos, producing genuine keyboard sounds from an electronic "engine". Digital pianos *work using "sampled" not synthesised sound,* the music of real pianos recorded by engineers, then digitised into electronic form.

A real, mechanical piano keyboard is used to control the sampled tones to produce an instrument that feels and sounds like a conventional piano but has several electronic advantages.

Yamaha's best-selling standard model, for example, has the "voices" of two different pianos, a harpsichord, vibraphones, organ, electric piano, and strings for £2,000 — less than a reasonable quality new conventional upright.

Since they are electronic, digital pianos require no tuning or regular maintenance and can be moved around, or even located by radiators.


Keyboards such as this are replacing traditional home pianos

The electronic advances of keyboards go far beyond the home. Many film and television scores are now written at a single digital keyboard, then orchestrated by using software on an attached personal computer which can automatically transcribe the notes played into conventional musical notation.

Music schools are also starting to move into using digital pianos for tuition, attracted by their comparatively *low-purchase* and maintenance costs, and their ability to be played "silently" through a set of headphones, cutting off the sound to the normal speakers of the instrument and allowing several pianos to be used simultaneously next to one another in the same room.

The Royal Academy of Music in London was one of the pioneers of digital pianos in the classical music world and has nine Yamaha models working constantly next to each other in a music room.

The keyboards are not used to teach piano as a subject but as an aid to learning keyboard and compositional skills. Students play parts of pieces to the backing of the disc orchestra, while their tutor listens. The entire exercise takes place *using headphones, enabling a* class of nine students and one tutor to work on different pieces simultaneously.

Peter Shellard, the Academy's director of development, says: "It has been a tremendous boon. How else could students play a piano concerto with an orchestra and work alongside other students at the same time? It helps their compositional skills greatly."

Digital pianos are not designed as a replacement for top-range expensive instruments, nor are they meant as desirable pieces of musical furniture. The busy second-hand market in conventional pianos does not exist for their digital equivalents.

With regular tuning and occasional maintenance, a good conventional piano can probably expect an active life of several decades, and still have a residual value. Sampled keyboards are evolving rapidly as new models appear all the time, and should be regarded as a robust, capable home musical tool, not an investment.

But however wary you are of the idea of digital pianos, they deserve a hearing. The quality of sound, and the touch of the keyboard, are both far superior to the rickety junk-shop uprights of the family drawing-room, which were the musical initiations for many of us in past years.

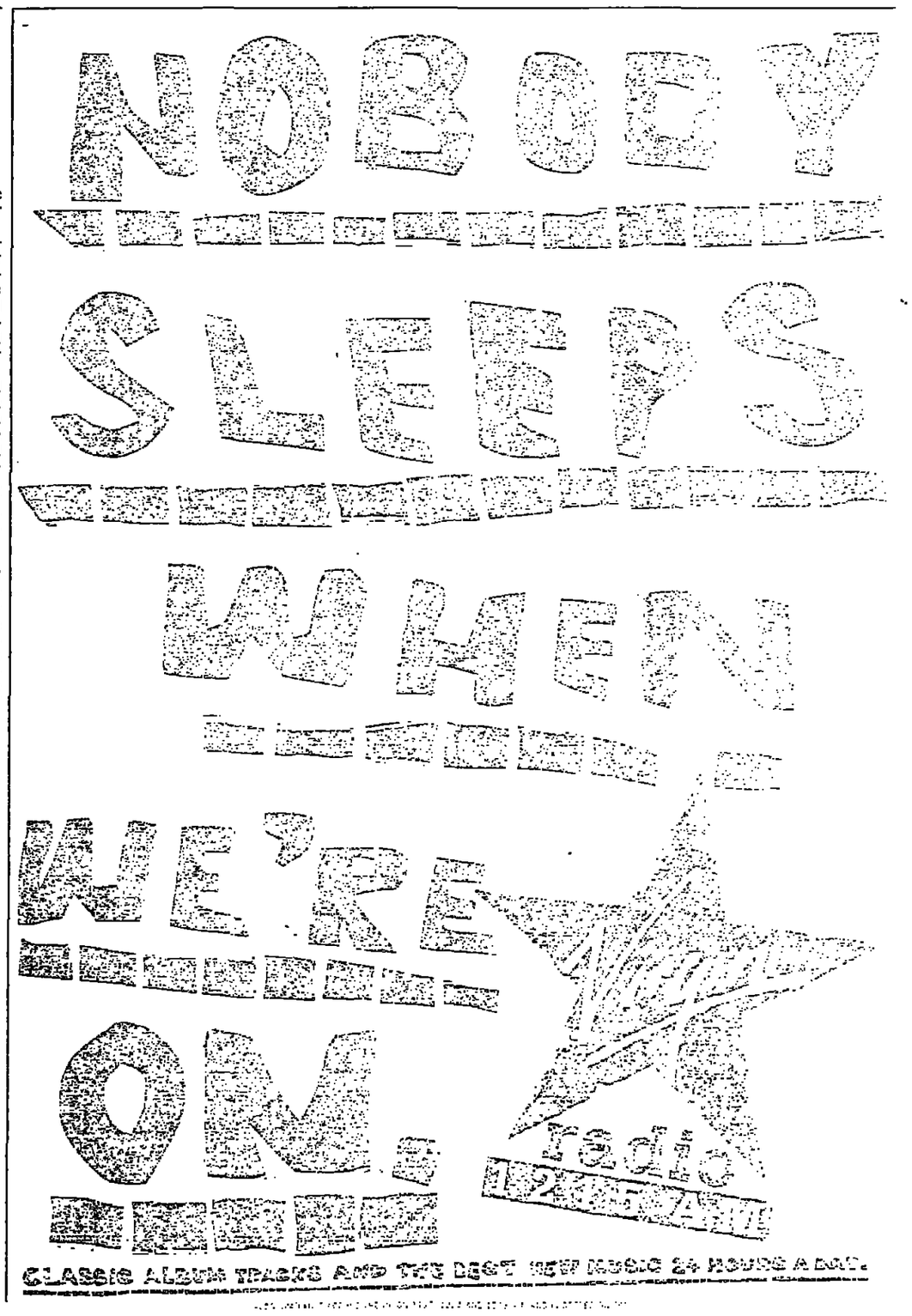
Visitors to Live '93 will be able to see and hear for themselves some of the latest keyboard technologies. Yamaha, the Japanese company, will also be announcing a new device at the show that can link compatible keyboards with a PC to provide sophisticated music recording and playback facilities.

The Hello Music package is a £399 sound module, which includes the synthesised sounds of 192 instruments and ten drum and percussion sets.

Using the package, the budding composer can write up to 16 different parts for a musical creation. The keyboard will then play back all of the parts simultaneously, with different instruments and effects, so that a composition can be built *up in layers, just as with a* professional multi-track recording studio.

The software can record improvisations as they are played, or you can enter your own music using standard notations.

DAVID HEWSON



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Reel life in the living-room

Sound and vision of startling quality are now available on home television sets. George Cole tunes in



The ultimate in cinema for the home — larger-than-life pictures on the wall — but the system costs £35,000

More and more people are turning their living-rooms into home theatres as the latest technological developments allow large-screen televisions and stereo systems to recreate many of the visual and sound effects experienced in the cinema.

Home cinema is a concept that brings together the worlds of television, film, video and hi-fi. Not long ago, home cinema systems were aimed at enthusiasts, cost thousands of pounds and were difficult to install. Now they are designed for a much broader audience and some of them cost well under £1,000.

Many of the televisions, video recorders and hi-fi units with these features built in will be on display at Live '93.

Home cinema has been helped by the rise of the Dolby Surround sound system, which mixes two extra "surround-sound" channels with a conventional stereo sound track.

The format became popular during the 1970s, when films such as *Star Wars* and *Close Encounters of the Third Kind* used the system to produce better sound effects in the cinema — with space ships seeming to fly over your head and explosions that apparently happened under your seat. It became the standard for film soundtracks.

Fortunately, the Dolby Surround soundtrack is preserved whenever a film is copied on to videotape or disc. Ordinary video recorders ignore the surround-sound information and play the stereo soundtrack as normal. However, with the correct decoder and an extra pair of speakers, the surround-sound effects can be heard.

More than 4,500 pre-recorded videotapes are encoded with Dolby Surround and the system is also found on videodiscs, music CDs and even some computer games.

In addition, a growing number of terrestrial and satellite television stereo transmissions include the Dolby feature.

Several companies, including Mordaunt Short, market Dolby Surround decoders, which plug into a video recorder and speaker system, but the trend is to build decoders into home entertainment equipment.

Toshiba sells a range of Dolby Surround televisions, and Pace Microsystems has introduced a satellite tuner with an integrated Dolby Surround decoder. Companies such as Kenwood and Bang & Olufsen sell hi-fi systems with built-in Dolby Surround decoders.

Dolby estimates that at least 10 million homes throughout the world have equipment able to provide surround sound.

More and more companies are also introducing equipment that uses an enhanced version of Dolby Surround, called Pro-Logic. This has an extra central speaker and additional electronics to give better sound effects. Toshiba and Hitachi sell a range of televisions with Dolby Pro-Logic decoders.

Also aimed at the home cinema market are widescreen television sets, which give cinema-style pictures. Where conventional television screens have a width-to-height ratio of 4:3, widescreen sets have a 16:9 ratio, which shows more of the side action.

Many popular films now come in two versions on video, regular and widescreen. But anyone looking for even bigger pictures might consider a video projector. This plugs into a television tuner or video player and projects giant pictures on to a white wall or board.

One of Sharp's video projectors, for example, which will be on show at Live '93, is small enough to sit on a coffee table but can produce images of up to 100in, measured diagonally. The projector can be used to watch pre-recorded tapes and discs or live television broadcasts, and has a built-in amplifier and speaker.

But if you want the ultimate in home cinema and money is no object, a THX system could be the answer. THX is a standard set by Lucasfilms, an American company, for a new generation of high-quality cinema sound systems.

Each audio component, from the amplifier and speakers to the surround sound decoder and cabling, must meet THX standards. Home systems are now available, including one by JBL, which will also be on show at Live '93, but it costs £35,000.

Many home cinema fans watch films on laser disc, which puts up to two hours of high-quality video and CD-quality sound on a double-sided 12in disc.

Laser disc players offer pictures which are about 60 per cent better than VHS tapes, although the machines cannot record. The attraction is that discs do not wear out as quickly as tape and users can find specific scenes quickly.

It is particularly popular in Japan, where one in ten homes has a system, although there are only about 300,000 players in Europe — 10,000 of them in Britain.

Companies such as Pioneer, Sony and Philips sell laser disc players, which cost between £400 and £700 and can also play music CDs.

But it is small number of pre-recorded films on laser disc that has hindered the format's progress; only 600 titles are available in Britain, although 20 new ones are coming on the market by the month.

Some companies sell laser disc machines, which also play discs designed for the NTSC television system used in America and Japan, giving users access to a further 13,500 titles.

At between £20 and £30, laser discs cost more than pre-recorded videotapes but the price gap is bound to narrow.

Time tunnel full of technology

How communication methods are changing in the satellite era

Newspapers once relied on early telegram services to bring back the news from around the world. Gathering news today is a high-tech business involving the latest electronics and satellite delivery systems.

Visitors to Live '93 can see the enormous strides made in communications technology, over the past century, in a "time tunnel" display produced by BT and *The Times*.

Photographs, telegrams, advertisements and other material from the archives of both *The Times* and BT illustrate the pace of change in communications technology for both companies and home users.

The open-ended tunnel has history sections occupying satellite-shaped displays along its length. At one end is the main entrance, clad with front covers of *The Times* from its birth in 1785 to the present.



Kennedy via Telstar

A display shows how BT's telephone system has changed over the past few decades. There is a demonstration of the old mechanical Strowger phone exchanges and the new electronic digital System X exchange.

Visitors can see the latest in satellite communications and videophones alongside archive material showing their pre-digital predecessors.

One of the most spectacular uses for satellite television technology, planned for this year, has a display of its own.

During the Whitbread round-the-world yacht race starting this month, a BT camera on one of the yachts will beam live pictures to Britain from remote ocean locations unreachable, only a few years ago, by conventional broadcasting techniques.

There is also an exhibition of the technology used by roving television camera teams. These ever smaller units, popular at difficult broadcasting locations, track the correct satellite to transmit television pictures and sound in seconds.

Such sophistication would have been hard to believe 30 years ago. In 1962 the first live television pictures were sent across the Atlantic by the Telstar satellite.

An archive photograph of President John F. Kennedy, from the first broadcast, is among the displays in the section covering the work of BT's Goonhilly Downs earth station, on the Lizard peninsula in Cornwall, where the first pictures were received.

The tunnel's display explains how modern communications satellites differ greatly from their early predecessors, which had shifting orbits and could transmit signals between earth stations for parts of the day only.

Modern satellites are fixed in geostationary orbits, staying at the same point in space so a network can provide reliable global communications coverage.

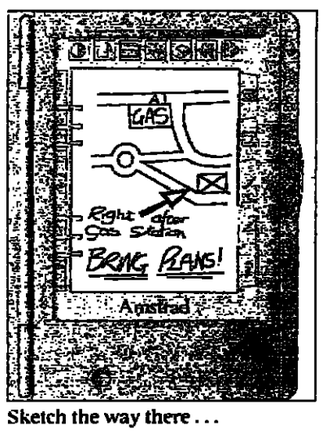
Electronic change is rapid. From the grainy, indistinct pictures of Telstar to the multichannel television and communications network of today has taken only a generation.

Ten years ago, mobile phones, facsimile-transmission machines and personal computers were all expensive items, largely limited to big business. Today, they are more powerful and cheaper than ever.

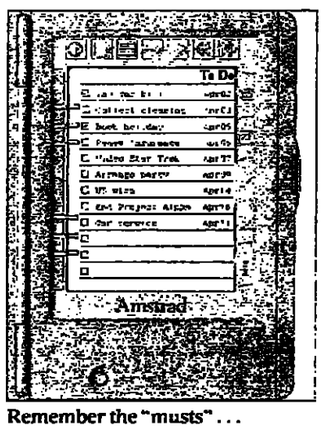
What does communications technology hold for tomorrow? The final display, the "desk of tomorrow", offers pointers, and a chance to try the technology in a working model. Around the corner are video-conferencing facilities — and other examples of technological advances.

DAVID HEWSON

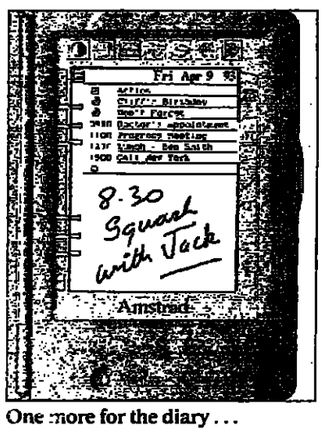
THE TIMES AND AMSTRAD LIVE '93 COMPETITION



Sketch the way there . . .



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One more for the diary . . .

Ten electronic notepads to be won

Electronic pads spell the end for paper jotters . . . Mightier than the pen . . . These are just two of the recent headlines extolling the virtues of the new high-tech notepads. According to some experts, those of us who use sheet-paper organisers will soon be switching to electronic notepads, which offer considerably more scope.

The notepads, such as the Amstrad PenPad PDA 600, operate by translating our penned notes, sketches or diagrams on the screen into "printed" text and visuals. And then they are held in pad's memory, ready for later recall.

Prices and performance of these technological little miracles vary but, for the money (£299.99) and user-friendliness, the PenPad tops the rankings.

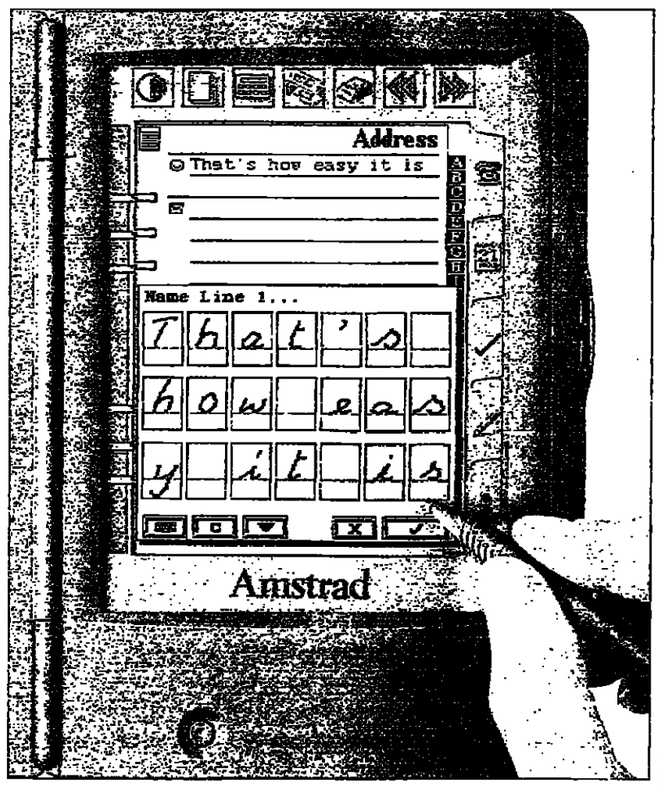
As well as taking notes and drawings, the PenPad — measuring 11.5cm wide, by 16cm high and 2.7cm deep — has:

- Fax capability
- PC compatability
- Takes standard PCMCIA memory slot cards up to 2Mb.
- Prints text to almost any printer with a serial port (the PenPad's capacity is more than 500 pages — 5,000 with memory card — of recognised text).

Operated by three AA size batteries with up to 40 hours' use (plus lithium back-up safety battery), the PenPad also has a world time clock and multiple event alarm clock, calendar displays, full function calculator, and can search for words and numbers up to seven characters or digits.

Like the idea of owning a PenPad? Well, you could have one.

Today, *The Times* and Amstrad are offering readers ten of these state-of-the-art notepads (together worth nearly £3,000) in a simple to enter competition. All you have to do to stand a chance of winning one is to answer the question:



- *What do the initials PDA stand for?*

If you know the answer, phone our competition hotline before midnight next Tuesday (details below). If you are among the ten winners, we will let you know within the coming week.

Phone in the answer on 0839 444582 by midnight Tuesday Sept 14

- *When your call is received, you will be asked to give your answer to the question, your name, address and telephone number. Calls cost 36p per minute cheap rate. 48p per minute at all other times*
- *The ten winners will be selected at random from the correct entries received by midnight on Tuesday, September 14 and notified by post. The editor's decision is final.*

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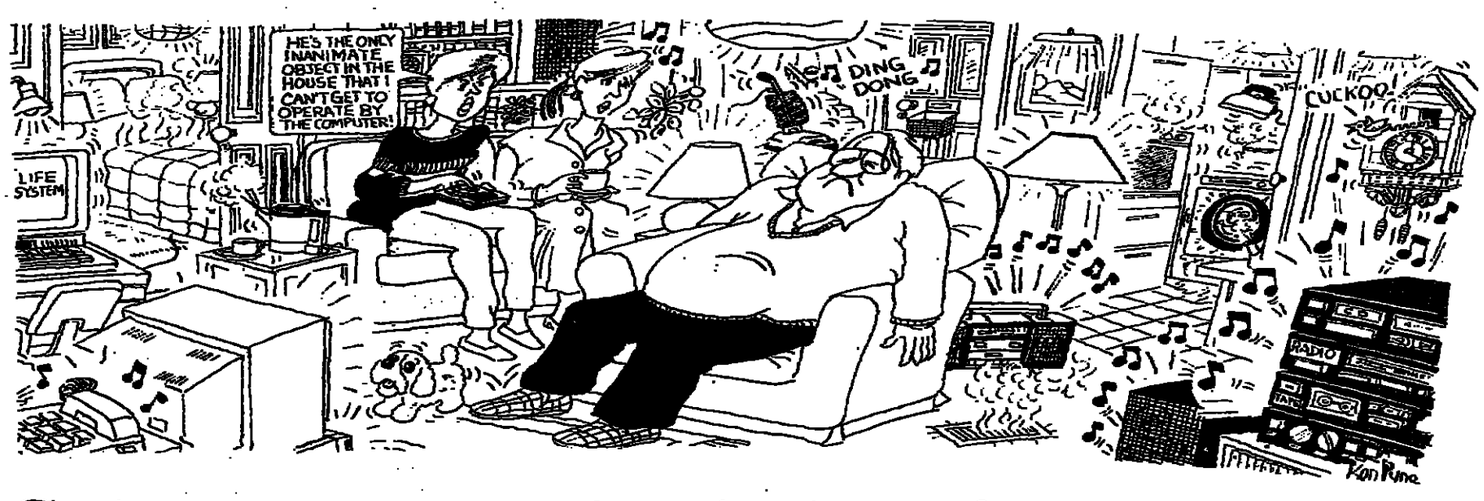
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A switch in time

As central controls come on line, the labour-saving automated home is nearing reality. **Chris Partridge** reports

So much computer power is built into almost every domestic appliance today that the obvious thing would be to link them all to an automated system. The result would be like the labour-free, robotic home of science fiction, but, despite attempts to make it a reality, it has obstinately remained a fantasy.

The main stumbling block to home automation is the lack of any way for all the computers in the various domestic appliances to communicate with one another without highly complex wiring systems. Several of the big consumer electronics companies have introduced home automation systems but few customers seem interested. Panasonic, for example, makes the High Amenity Life System, HALS, which allows central control of most of the appliances in a house, including the central heating, kitchen appliances, lights, hi-fi and security system.

The system is based on an electronic control module that links the various appliances through either the mains wiring or special communications wiring. This special wiring adds enormously to the cost of the system, and so far HALS is available only in gadget-loving Japan.

In Britain, home automation may be coming in by the back door. Although nobody seems willing to pay good money to computerise, more and more house owners want an efficient security system.

The latest devices often use wireless communications to switch appliances on and off to give potential burglars the impression that a house is occupied. Such systems have many of the features of a basic home automation system.

Hi-fi buffs are also installing networks for carrying music throughout their houses. These also have control functions that could be used for other domestic appliances, constituting another route to home automation.

A British-made security and home automation system, the X10 Powerhouse, will be launched at the show by Celtel, a Hampshire firm. The system consists of a control unit that can communicate with a number of electrical switches by a radio link. Any domestic appliance that needs to be controlled is plugged into a switch unit, which is then plugged into the mains.

Various controllers are available, depending on the sort of system needed. One has a built-in timer, enabling the television and lights to be switched on and off to make an empty house look occupied, while another plugs into the telephone line and can be activated remotely.

This could be very useful to people who have a weekend cottage. Come to a snap decision to spend the weekend in the country? Phone the cottage, tap a few code words into the system and the central heating can have the house pleasantly warm and a tank of hot bath water ready for your arrival.

Really advanced control is possible with a box that plugs into a suitably programmed personal computer. The unit can store timings for switching up to 256 different switch modules for weeks at a time.

The unit can then be disconnected from the computer and left to go through its sequence of events, running everything in the house from switching on the heating, the radio and the coffee maker as you wake to locking all the doors and switching the alarms off as you go to sleep.

As home automation systems go, Powerhouse is relatively cheap, but each module costs between £25 and £35, so automating the whole house will not come cheap. Also, many items such as electrical curtain-drawing devices are not widely available.

Steve Brown, Celtel's managing director, argues that people will buy the system for security, then wake up to its automation potential.

"At first", he says, "buyers just push the button when driving home and on comes the light in the drive, but they quickly want to move on from that. Soon they will buy extra appliance modules to do things such as switching on the electric blanket while they are still downstairs or opening the garage doors before they go out."

Commodore to make its play

Commodore is preparing its most aggressive assault yet on the booming video games market. The American home computer manufacturer will use Live '93 to introduce a new games system, which promises to take players straight to the next level of gaming technology.

Centre stage will be the £299 Amiga CD32, a games console with a difference. Unlike most rival machines from Nintendo and Sega, it does not run games from cartridges, but from compact discs. This is significant because CDs are cheaper to make and have a much bigger storage capacity.

Commodore has tried to introduce a compact-based system before, CDTV, but it failed to live up to its promise and has since been relegated to a role as a CD drive for the Amiga computer range.

The CD32 is a more elegant and persuasive product altogether. The CD32 can be hooked up to either a conventional television or a high-resolution monitor. It comes with stereo audio outputs so it can be connected to a hi-fi system, when it can also be used as a standard audio CD player.

Perhaps the most significant technical edge it has over the Sega Mega CD, its main rival, is that it can be upgraded with a £200 cartridge to provide videotape-quality pictures from CDs being developed that will display films and other picture-based programming.

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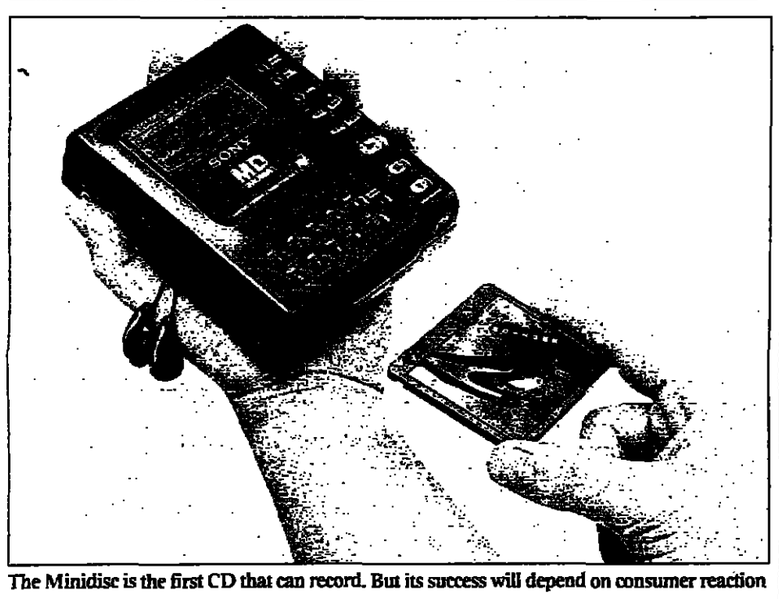
There will be an initial launch catalogue of 20 titles for the new console, including established video game favourites such as Sensible Soccer, Lemmings and Zool, as well as new offerings such as the controversially violent game Mortal Kombat and the inevitable *Jurassic Park* spin-off. Discs are expected to be priced at about £30. By Christmas, the number should have risen to 80 titles.

According to David Murphy, a consumer electronics journalist who has played with the console, Commodore may well have a winner. "This is an excellent games machine that can be developed into a complete home entertainment system," he says.

"As hardware, it leapfrogs anything available from Nintendo and Sega, and if Commodore can keep the price of its CD games lower than that of rival cartridge games, it is going to be a great success."

In the real world, video game manufacturers do not have infinite lives. For Commodore, a company that already has had to strip back its operation just to survive the 1990s, the success or failure of the CD32 could mean Hall of Fame or Game Over. Early reaction to the CD32, however, suggests that it may have struck game gold.

STEVE MAY



The Minidisc is the first CD that can record. But its success will depend on consumer reaction

Will the Minidisc be the toast of the Nineties?

Great hopes for a mini miracle

The compact disc was the audio success of the 1980s. Now music and consumer electronics companies hope that a new generation of digital audio will be the toast of the 1990s. The formats, Minidisc and Digital Compact Cassette (DCC), are designed to replace the compact cassette, developed more than 30 years ago.

The compact cassette is an analogue system, so recordings are prone to noise or hiss, which increases whenever a recording is copied. But the new systems are digital and record sound as a computer code. Since digital recordings are hiss-free, every copy is as good as the original.

Sony has developed the Minidisc, a format which stores up to 74 minutes of near-CD quality sound on a 2¾ in disc. The discs are stored in a protective jacket and look like small computer floppy discs. Pre-recorded discs are the same price as CDs, but some discs are recordable and can be re-used like audio tape. Blank discs cost about £9 each.

Sony is selling several personal stereo units, for about £400, with a built-in jog-proof system that allows the music to play normally if the machine is knocked or jolted. The company also plans to launch in-car Minidisc systems.

Discs offer several benefits over tape. For instance, they do not wear out or become tangled or jammed and tracks can be found instantly because there is no need to spool through yards of tape. However, Minidisc is not compatible with any existing audio format, including CD.

The rival DCC format has been developed by Philips. A DCC cassette stores up to 90 minutes of CD-quality sound — even two-hour tapes are under development. Blank tapes cost about £5 each; pre-recorded DCC tapes cost the same as CDs.

DCC decks, which cost about £400, offer a number of new features, including small screens which can give the title of the track, information on the artist and even lyrics.

Although Sony is busily promoting Minidisc, it is still selling a digital tape system called Digital Audio Tape (DAT), which stores several hours of CD-quality sound on a credit-card size cassette. Though once seen as the replacement for the audio cassette, its high price and a very limited supply of pre-recorded music resulted in poor sales. The first machines cost more than £500.

Even so, DAT is used by a number of hi-fi enthusiasts, and some machines now cost less than £400. Sony has recently introduced a portable DAT machine, which provides up to four hours of recording time.

> The device could revolutionise relations with noisy neighbours

Also on offer for the hi-fi enthusiast are wide-imaging speakers, from Canon, which are better at spreading stereo effects around a living-room. The problem with conventional stereo systems is that listeners have to sit in a "hot spot" to hear the full effects. But the Canon speakers, which look like a pair of large lampshades, process the sound to produce a wider stereo field. This means that people sitting outside the hot spot can hear the stereo effect.

There are also new developments in the radio field, including the Radio Data System (RDS). This works by transmitting an inaudible data signal, along with an FM radio signal that contains extra information, such as the type of music or programme being broadcast. The signal is ignored by ordinary radios but used by RDS tuners.

Kenwood has launched two amplifier-tuners which include an RDS feature that allows users to search for a radio programme by type; for example, classical music or news. This is especially useful if you do not know the frequencies of particular radio stations.

RDS is also used in many in-car systems to improve FM radio reception. Although the FM band gives the best quality sound, the system requires a chain of transmitters to broadcast the signal for national stations throughout Britain.

The snag is that drivers have to re-tune their radios as they drive across country. RDS can automatically search for the strongest FM signal from a particular station and lock on to it.

As you drive out of the range of one FM transmitter, the RDS radio looks for the next one and tunes to that. Another RDS feature, Enhanced Other Network, links up to the BBC's national and local radio stations to provide traffic updates. If a local radio station broadcasts traffic news, the RDS tuner automatically switches to it — even if you are listening to another station or a cassette.

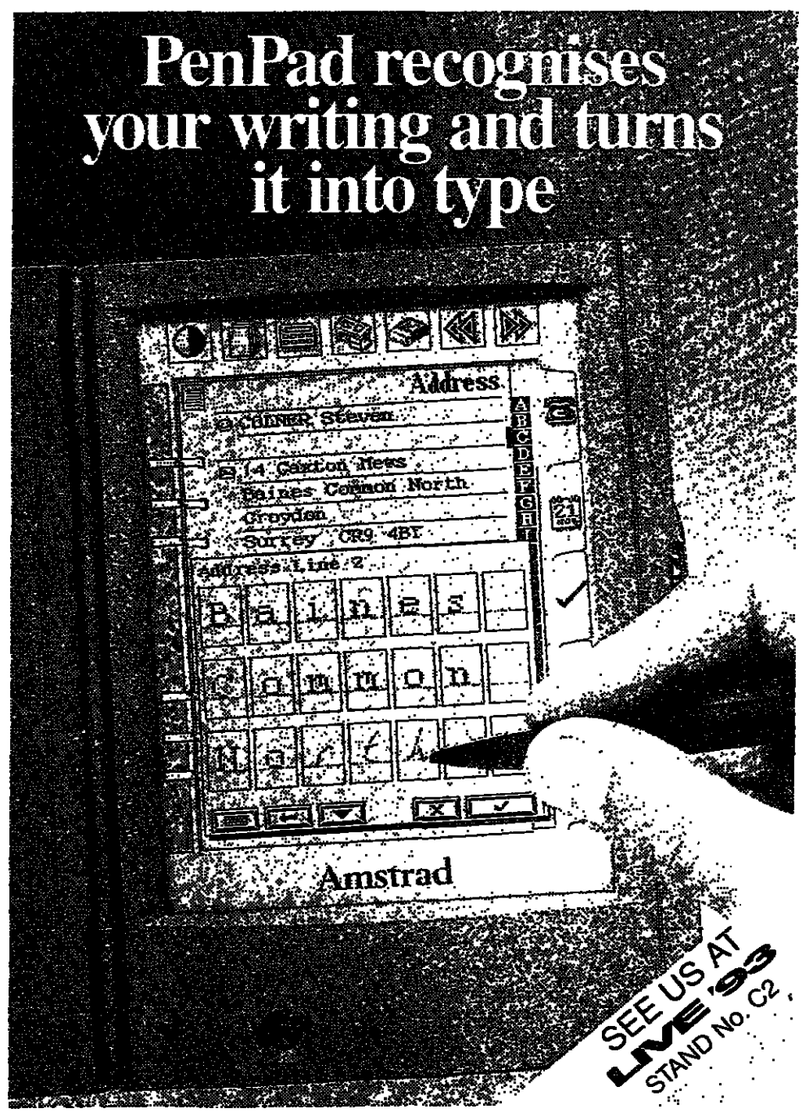
For those who play their stereos loud enough to drown out other sounds, Linn, the Scottish audio company, has developed a small box which links up to one of the company's amplifiers, a standard telephone socket and most types of door bells. When the telephone rings, the handset is lifted to make a call, or the doorbell rings the sound is automatically muted.

This could revolutionise neighbour relations. If the people next door are playing music too loud and too late, all you have to do is ring their door bell until they agree to turn it down.

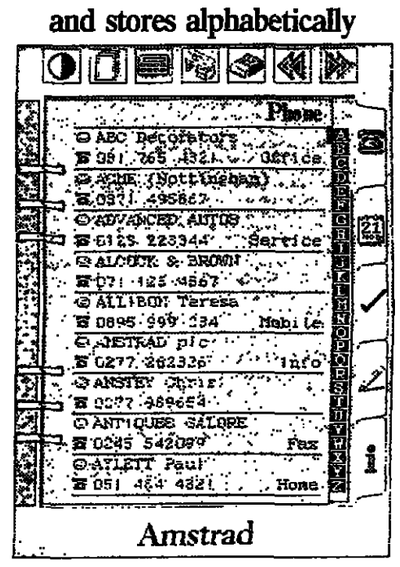
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● All the developments and companies mentioned, along with many of the leading British hi-fi companies, will be at Live '93.

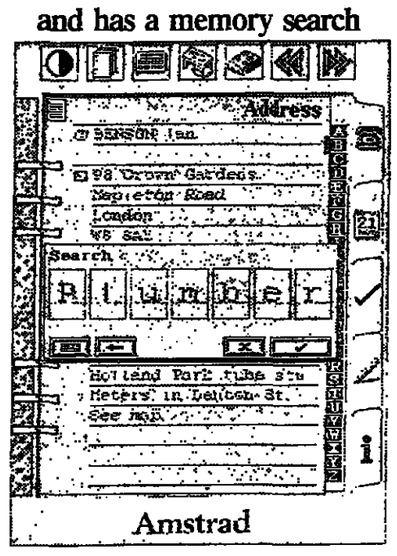
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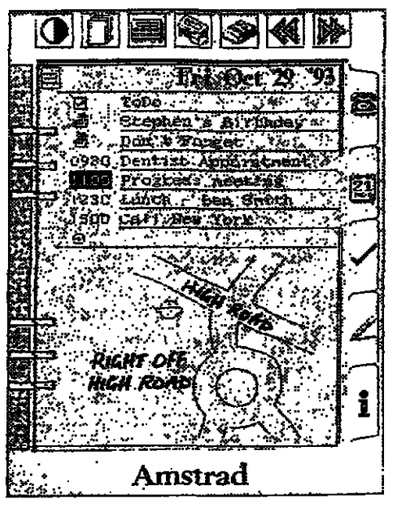
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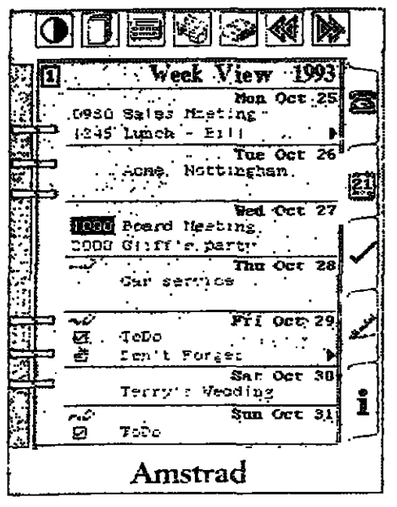
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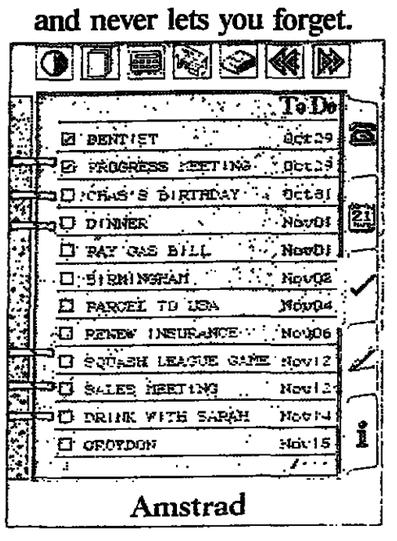
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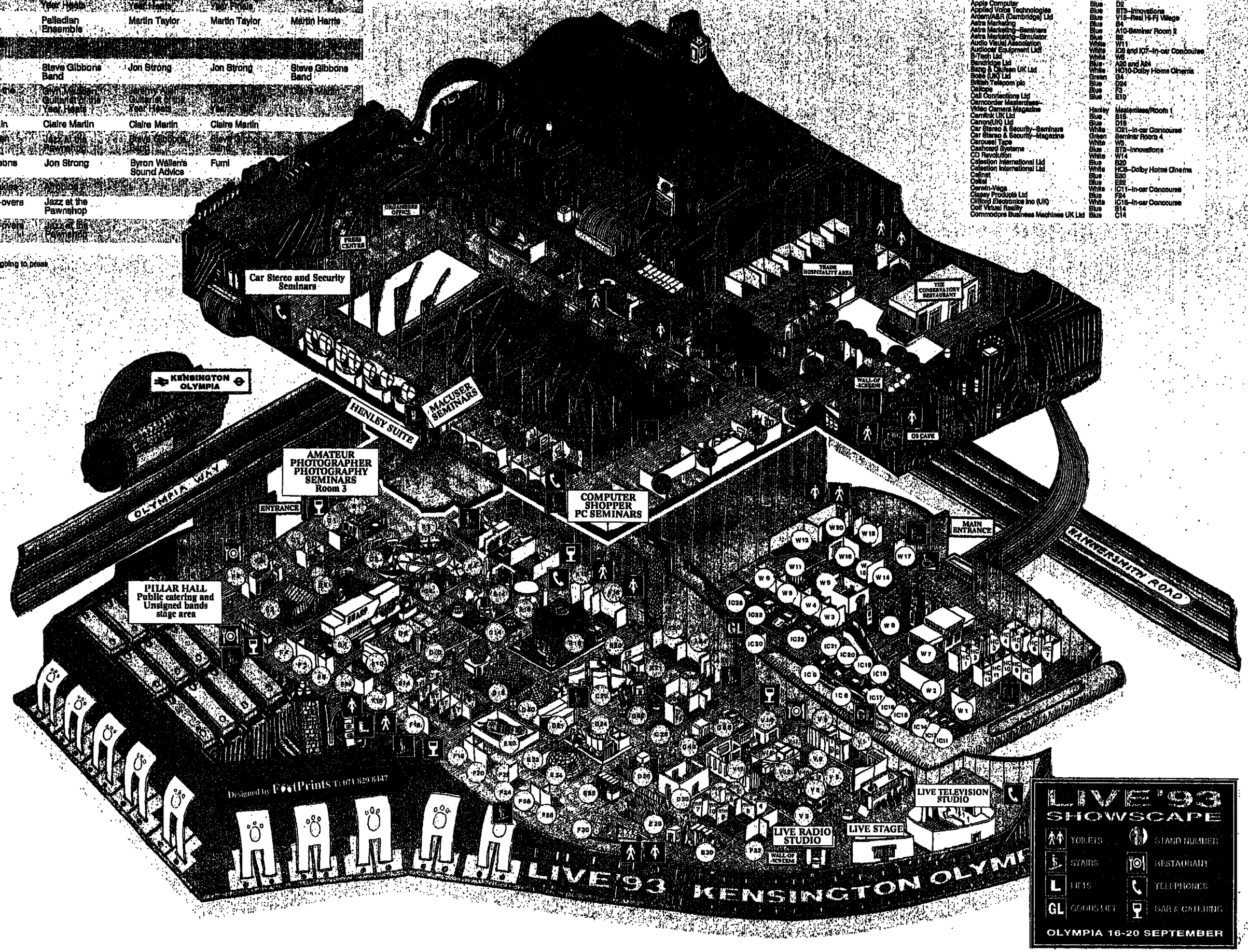
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WHERE TO GO AND WHO TO SEE

LIVE STAGE LINE UP

	Thursday 16th Radio stage MC Virgin Radio	Friday 17th Radio stage MC Jazz FM	Saturday 18th Radio stage MC Kiss 100FM	Sunday 19th Radio stage MC LBC	Monday 20th Radio stage MC WNK
10 am	Martin Harris	Martin Harris	Martin Harris	Jeremy Allen	Jeremy Allen
11 am	Guitarist of the Year Heats	Guitarist of the Year Heats	Guitarist of the Year Heats	Guitarist of the Year Finals	Guitarist of the Year Finals
12 noon	Palladian Ensemble	Palladian Ensemble	Martin Taylor	Martin Taylor	Martin Harris
2 pm	Jon Strong	Steve Gibbons Band	Jon Strong	Jon Strong	Steve Gibbons Band
3 pm	Guitarist of the Year Heats	Guitarist of the Year Heats	Guitarist of the Year Heats	Guitarist of the Year Finals	Guitarist of the Year Finals
4 pm	Claire Martin	Claire Martin	Claire Martin	Claire Martin	
5 pm	Jeremy Allen	Jazz at the Pawnshop	Byron Wallen's Sound Advice	Sonia	
6 pm	Steve Gibbons Band	Jon Strong	Byron Wallen's Sound Advice	Fumi	
7 pm	The Boomsters	Acoustic			
8 pm	Hot Cross-overs	Jazz at the Pawnshop			
9 pm	Hot Cross-overs	Jazz at the Pawnshop			

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3D Video Plus	Blue	E24
Acorn Computers Ltd	Blue	E26
Acorn Computing	Blue	C38
Alpine Electronics	White	IC23/4–In-car Concourse
Alternative Software	Green	FP8–Forcefield Plaza
Amateur Photographer	Blue	C32
Amateur Photographer–Seminars	Blue	Seminar Room 3
Amstrad plc	Blue	C2
Ancast Communications	Blue	B18
Apple Computer	Blue	D2
Applied Video Technologies	Blue	ST5–Innovations
Arcam/A&R (Cambridge) Ltd	Blue	V16–Real Hi-Fi Village
Astra Marketing	Blue	B4
Astra Marketing–Seminars	Blue	A10–Seminar Room 2
Astra Marketing–Simulator	Blue	B2
Audio Visual Association	White	W11
Audiovox Equipment Ltd	White	IC9 and IC7–In-car Concourse
B-Tech Ltd	White	W6
Bainbridge Ltd	Blue	A30 and A34
Bang & Olufsen UK Ltd	White	HC10–Dolby Home Cinema
Bose (UK) Ltd	Green	E4
British Telecom plc	Blue	D24
Calcomp	Blue	C1
Call Connections Ltd	Blue	E10
Camcorder Masterclass	Henley	Masterclass Room 1
Video Camera Magazine	Blue	B16
Camtrix UK Ltd	Blue	D15
Canon(UK) Ltd	White	IC21–In-car Concourse
Car Stereo & Security–Seminars	Green	Seminar Room 4
Car Stereo & Security–Magazine	White	W5
Carousel Type	Blue	ST5–Innovations
Cashcard Systems	White	W14
CD Revolution	Blue	E20
Celestion International Ltd	White	HC5–Dolby Home Cinema
Celestion International Ltd	Blue	E22
Cetec	Blue	E32
Cetec	White	IC11–In-car Concourse
Dennis Vega	Blue	F24
Chesney Products Ltd	White	IC15–In-car Concourse
Clifford Electronics Inc (UK)	Blue	B14
Colt Virtual Reality	Blue	C14
Commodore Business Machines UK Ltd	Blue	E30

EXHIBITOR	HALL	STAND
Computer Manuals	Green	G18–Dennis Publishing Village
Computer Shopper–Magazine	Green	G6–Dennis Publishing Village
Computer Shopper–Seminars	Green	Seminar Room 5
Compuserve Warehouse	Blue	F6
CREPSON	White	W9
Dolby Home Cinema Promenade	White	HC1–HC12
Elite Software	Green	FP26–Forcefield Plaza
Encyclopaedia Britannica on CD-ROM	Green	G20–Dennis Publishing Village
ERT–Retail Business Publishing	Red	T5–Trade Hospitality Area
Euroset Distribution	Blue	A18
Exhibition Innovations Showcase	Blue	E14
Exposed magazine	Blue	F26
Fair Software	Green	FP5–Forcefield Plaza
Forcefield Plaza/Impact Magazines	Green	FP6-FP28
Fox Video	White	W16
Gamesfair Ltd/Infinity	White	IC19–In-car Concourse
Gamesfair Ltd/Portal	Blue	V15–Real Hi-Fi Village
GamesWare	Blue	C22
Gibson of Perth Ltd	Blue	F4
Goodmans Loudspeakers	Blue	C60
Grandslam Software	Green	FP22–Forcefield Plaza
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GTI	Green	G22–Dennis Publishing Village
'Guitar Factory, The'	Blue	B22
Guitarist Magazine	Blue	D6
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Home Entertainment magazine/Dennis	White	W12
Home Entertainment Presentation Room	White	W20
Hutchison Micro Tel	Blue	E50
In Car Entertainment	White	IC14–In-car Concourse
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Laser Disk Association UK	White	W10
Lion Products Ltd	Blue	E8
Lucas Film	Green	Seminar Room 4
MacUser/Dennis Publishing	Green	G26–Dennis Publishing Village
Making Music Feature	Blue	D32
Making Music magazine	Blue	MM7–Making Music feature
Mannesmann Tally Ltd	Green	G14–Dennis Publishing Village
Marantz Hi-Fi (UK) Ltd	White	HC12–Dolby Home Cinema
Marantz Hi-Fi (UK) Ltd.	Blue	V10–Real Hi-Fi Village
Maxview Aerials Ltd	Blue	A12
May Audio	Blue	F18
Middlesex University–Faculty of Tech.	Red	R12
Mission Group	Blue	V17–Real Hi-Fi Village
Mordaunt-Short	Blue	C20
Music keyboards–Yamaha-Kemble	Henley	Room 2
Music Sales	Blue	MM9–Making Music feature
Music Software Express	Blue	MM5–Making Music feature
Musical Images	Blue	MM8–Making Music feature
NAD Marketing Ltd	Blue	V11–Real Hi-Fi Village
Naim Audio Ltd	Blue	V6–Real Hi-Fi Village
Newham College	Red	R10
News of the World/Kodak Feature	White	W8
One Stop Software	Green	G30–Dennis Publishing Village
Pace Technology Ltd	Blue	B14
Pace Technology Ltd	White	HC8–Dolby Home Cinema
Pan Star UK Ltd	Blue	ST6–Innovations
Path Group plc	Blue	B28
Pentax (UK) Ltd	Blue	C62
Pioneer HiFi (GB) Ltd	White	HC9–Dolby Home Cinema
Piranha Vehicle Security	White	IC22–In-car Concourse
Planetarium	Blue	MM6–Making Music feature
Pro-Plus Sound	White	IC18–In-car Concourse
Providence Capital	Red	R4
Quad Electroacoustics Ltd	Blue	V8–Real Hi-Fi Village
Quill Marketing	Blue	A26
Radio Society of Britain	Red	R1
Rare Records	Blue	MM3
Rockford–Fosgate	White	IC22
Roland (UK) Ltd	White	W4
Sansui (UK) Ltd	White	HC1–Dolby Home Cinema
Sansui (UK) Ltd	White	W2
Sanyo	Blue	B15
Satellite TV Europe/21st Century	Blue	C40
SCS	Green	G10–Dennis Publishing Village
Sennheiser UK Ltd	Blue	C24
Soxtons	Blue	C26
Sharp UK Ltd	Blue	D4
Sky Television	Blue	C4
Sony	Blue	B12
Sony	White	IC8 and IC9–In-car Concourse
Sony	Blue	V3–Real Hi-Fi Village
Sound Leisure	Blue	MM4–Making Music Feature
SRB Film SErvice	Blue	F8
Strong (UK) Ltd	Blue	D1
"Sun, The–Bungalo Theatre"	Blue	D30
Sunday Times Innovations Showcase	Blue	F18
System Three	Green	FP14
Tapehand	Blue	F10
TGM/Tannoy	Blue	C30
The TES Young Newspaper Feature	Blue	F30
"Times Tunnel, BT and The Times"	Green	G30
Tooley 'Pop Video Theatre'	White	W9
Toshiba (UK) Ltd	White	HC7- Dolby Home Cinema
Toshiba (UK) Ltd	White	W7
Trace Elliot Ltd	Blue	MM1–Making Music feature
Trio-Kenwood (UK) Ltd	Blue	D28
Trio-Kenwood (UK) Ltd	White	HC3–Dolby Home Cinema
Tube Technology	Blue	F6
Videotech Designs	Blue	F2
Virtual Vision	Blue	F14
Vivanco Ltd	Blue	D21
W-Industries/Virtuality	Green	G8
Wharfedale Loudspeakers Ltd	Blue	V16–Real Hi-Fi Village
'Widescreen Forum, The'	White	W15
Wordstar International Ltd	Green	G16–Dennis Publishing Village
Yamaha-KembleMusic UK Ltd	Blue	D20

FILM

ANCHORESS: More a photographer's exhibit about medieval life than a movie; but a promising feature debut from Britain's Chris Newby.
Everyman (071-435 1525)

BLUE: Derek Jarman's extraordinary reverie on Aids, blindness and the colour blue.
MGM Panton Street (071-930 0631)

UN COEUR EN HIVER (12): Love and sly games between two instrument makers and a violinist. Wonderfully observant drama from Claude Sautet.
MGM Swiss Centre (071-439 4470).

LES ENFANTS DU PARADIS (PG): Welcome revival of Marcel Carné and Jacques Prévert's classic — a triumphant blend of 19th-century stage history, fantasy and romance. With Arletty, Jean-Louis Barrault.
Renoir (071-837 8402).

ERASERHEAD (18): David Lynch's first film, completed in 1978: an extraordinary dream fantasy about love and sexuality. Revived with an improved soundtrack.
MGM Piccadilly (071-437 3561).



Tom Cruise battles against corruption in *The Firm*

THE FIRM (15): Tom Cruise discovers his law firm fronts for the Mafia. Star power galore, but little meat. With Gene Hackman, Ed Harris, Sydney Pollack directs.
Empire (071-497 9999)

IN THE LINE OF FIRE (15): Secret Service agent Clint Eastwood fights John Malkovich's psychopath and his own guilt. Sturdy thriller, directed by Wolfgang Petersen.
Barbican (071-638 8891) **Camden Plaza** (071-485 2443) **MGM Chelsea** (071-352 5096) **Notting Hill Coronet** (071-727 6705) **Odeons: Kensington** (0426 914666) **Leicester Square** (0426-915 683) **Marble Arch** (0426 914501) **Swiss Cottage** (071-586 3057) **Screen on Baker Street** (071-935 2772) **Screen on the Green** (071-226 3520) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332).

JURASSIC PARK (PG): Michael Crichton's best seller becomes a clumsy vehicle for rampaging dinos and superior special effects. Sam Neill, Laura Dern, Richard Attenborough. Director, Steven Spielberg.
Empire (071-437 1234/497 9999) **MGM Baker Street** (071-935 9772) **MGM Fulham Road** (071-370 2636) **MGM Oxford Street** (071-636 0310) **MGM Trocadero** **Plaza** (071-437 1234/497 9999) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332).

THE LIE (15): Refreshing, straightforward French drama about facing up to Aids. Francois Margolin directs Nathalie Baye and Didier Sandre.
MGM Swiss Centre (071-439 4470) **MGM Tottenham Court Road** (071-636 6148) **MGM Trocadero** (071-434 0031)

MADE IN AMERICA (12): Dotish cross-cultural farce, made to measure for Whoopi Goldberg and Ted Danson. Richard Benjamin directs.
MGM Fulham Road (071-370 2636) **MGM Haymarket** (071-839 1527) **MGM Oxford Street** (071-630 0310) **MGM Trocadero** (071-434 0031) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3303)

MAP OF THE HUMAN HEART (15): A love triangle jumps across years, continents and cultures. Visually bracing but muddled drama from cinematic explorer Vincent Ward. With Jason Scott Lee, Patrick Bergin, Anne Parillaud.
Minema (071-235 4225).

EL MARIACHI (15). Musician and hitman get confused in a Mexican border town. An enjoyable no-budget action romp from a promising new talent, Robert Rodriguez.
Odeon Kensington (0426-914 666) **MGM Tottenham Court Road** (071-636 6148)

MUCH ADO ABOUT NOTHING (PG): Fast-food Shakespeare from Kenneth Branagh. With Emma Thompson, Denzel Washington.
Barbican (071-638 8891) **Chelsea** (071-351 3742/3743) **Empire** (071-437 1234/497 9999) **Gate** (071-727 4043) **MGM Fulham Road** (071-370 2636) **MGM Shaftesbury Avenue** (071-836 6279) **MGM Tottenham Court Road** (071-636 6148) **Plaza** (071-497 9999) **Screen on Baker Street** (071-935 2772) **Screen on the Hill** (071-435 3366) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332).

THE NIGHT WE NEVER MET (15): Romantic mix-ups in a time-shared New York apartment. Endearing comedy with Matthew Brodenck, Annabella Sciorra, Kevin Anderson.
Odeon Haymarket (0426-915 353).

PASSION FISH (15): Crippled soap star and her secretive nurse undergo rehabilitation. Enjoyable, loving, leisurely film from John Sayles. With Mary McDonnell, Alfre Woodard.
Curzon West End (071-439 4805) **Electric** (071-792 2020/0328)
MGM Chelsea (071-352 5096) **MGM Trocadero** (071-434 0031) **Odeons: Kensington** (0426-914 666) **Swiss Cottage** (071-586 3057)

A PLACE IN THE WORLD (12): Incidents in the life of an Argentine family in the hinterlands. Good looking but flabby. Director, Adolfo Aristarain.
Metro (071-437 0757)

LE SAMOURAI (PG): Downfall of an icy hired killer (Alain Delon). Jean-Pierre Melville's superb, stylised gangster drama of 1967.
Lumière (071-836 0691).

SLIVER (18): Murder and voyeurism in a New York skyscraper. Botched erotic thriller from Ira Levin's novel, with Sharon Stone, William Baldwin, Tom Berenger. Director, Phillip Noyce.
MGM Fulham Road (071-370 2636) **MGM Oxford Street** (071-636 0310) **MGM Trocadero** (071-434 0031) **Plaza** (071-497 9999) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332).

THEATRE

LONDON

BOHEMIAN LIGHTS: The Gate re-opens with twice as many seats, yet keeping the same intimacy. The first play is del Valle-Inclán's vision of a country in turmoil, transposed from 1924 Spain to 1915 Dublin.
Gate, 11 Pembridge Road, W11 (071-229 0706). Previews from Wed, 7.30pm. Opens Sept 20, 7.30pm. Then Mon-Sat, 7.30pm.

CAROUSEL: The National's smash-hit version of the Rodgers & Hammerstein musical transfers to the West End with a New York opening already planned. Michael Hayden and Joanna Riding still head the cast.
Shaftesbury, Shaftesbury Avenue, WC2 (071-379 5399). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed, Sat, 2.30pm.

FOREVER PLAID: Long-running American show that pays homage to the four-part harmony groups of the 1950s.
Apollo, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (071-494 5070). Previews from Thurs, 8pm. Opens Sept 28, 7pm. Then Mon-Thurs, 8pm, Fri and Sat, 8.30pm, mats Fri, 6pm and Sat, 6pm.

A GOING CONCERN: James Clyde, Reece Dinsdale, Adam Godley represent the youngest of three generations working for an ailing billiards-table business. Stephen Jeffreys' new comedy, directed by Matthew Lloyd.
Hampstead, Swiss Cottage Centre, NW3 (071-722-9301). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mat Sat, 4pm.

HAIR: The Age of Aquarius dawns again. Another Sixties revival. Michael Bogdanov directs.
Old Vic, Waterloo Road, SE1 (071-928-7616). Preview today, 4pm and 7.45pm, Mon, 7.45pm. Opens Tues, 7pm. Then Mon-Sat; 7.45pm, mats Fri and Sat, 4pm.

INADMISSIBLE EVIDENCE: Strong central performance by Trevor Eve as the disintegrating solicitor in Osborne's gripping play.
National (Lyttelton), South Bank, SE1 (071-928 2252). Thurs-next Sat, 7.30pm, mat Sat, 2.15pm. Then in repertoire.

AN INSPECTOR CALLS: Stephen Daldry's marvellously re-imagined version of Priestley's social thriller.
Aldwych, Aldwych, WC2 (071-836 6404). Mon-Fri, 7.45pm, Sat, 5pm and 8.15pm, mat Wed, 2.30pm.

MARVIN'S ROOM Alison Steadman and Carmel McSharry in Scott McPherson's sturdy, touching comedy about a Florida family at a time of crisis. Transfer after its Hampstead sell-out
Comedy, Panton Street, SW1 (071-867 1045). From Wed, 8pm, then Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Thurs, 2.30pm and Sat, 4.30pm.

MOONLIGHT: Ian Holm, Anna Massey, Edward de Souza head a strong cast in Pinter's first full-length play for 15 years
Almeida, Almeida Street, N1 (071-359 4404). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mat Sat, 4pm.

MUCH ADO ABOUT NOTHING: Shakespeare on Shaftesbury Avenue, with Mark Rylance and Janet McTeer, proves funnier and friendlier than many a subsidised production.
Queen's, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (071-494 5041). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mat Sat, 2.30pm.

OLEANNA: Power, politics and punishment at an American university. Great performances of David Suchet and Lia Williams in Pinter's production of Mamet
Duke of York's, St. Martin's Lane, WC2 (071-836 5122) From Wed, 7.30pm, then Mon-Sat, 7.30 pm, mats Thurs, 3pm and Sat, 4pm

PAPER FLOWERS: Linda Marlowe plays a lonely woman fascinated by a charismatic, dangerous down-and-out, David Threlfall. British premiere for this award-winning psychological drama by Chilean playwright, Egon Wolff.
Watermans, 40, *High Street*, Brentford (081-568 1176) From Wed, 7.30, then Tues-Sat, 7.30pm. Until Oct 2.

RACING DEMON: Revival of David Hare's bracing drama on the modern Church of England.
National Theatre (Olivier), South Bank, SE1 (071-928 2252). Previews Tues and Wed, 7.15pm, mat next Sat, 2pm. Opens with the other two plays in the trilogy, *Murmuring Judges* and *The Absence of War*, on Oct 2, 10.30am.

A SLICE OF SATURDAY NIGHT: Dennis Waterman plays the seen-it-all, done-it-all bouncer in the Heather Brothers' musical pastiche of life in the 1960s.
Strand Theatre, Strand, WC2 (071-240 0300). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Fri, Sat, 4pm.

SUNSET BOULEVARD: Triumph for Patti Lupone as the faded star in Lloyd Webber's success, less cynical than the Wilder film but a thrilling occasion. Trevor Nunn directs.
Adelphi Theatre, Strand, WC2 (071-344 0055). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Thurs and Sats, 3pm.

TRAVESTIES: Tom Stoppard's dazzling word-spinner revived with Antony Sher as the aged consul remembering Lenin, Joyce and Dada in 1917 Zurich. Adrian Noble directs.
Barbican, Silk Street, EC2 (071 638 8891). Previews today-Wed, 7.15pm, mats today and Thurs, 2pm. Opens Thurs, 7pm. Then in repertoire.



Michael Hayden talks to Joanna Riding. *Carousel*

WALLENSTEIN: Tim Albery's directing debut for the RSC in Schiller's mighty drama about power's capacity to corrupt.
The Pit, Barbican Centre, EC2 (071 638 8891). Previews tonight to Tues, 7.15pm. Opens Wed, 7pm. Then in repertoire.

REGIONAL

BASINGSTOKE: After its major re-build, the Haymarket opens with *The Cheeky Chappie*, a stage bio with music of Max Miller (Kenneth MacDonald).
Haymarket, Wote Street (0256 465566). Previews from Mon, 7.45pm. Gala opening Thurs, 7.45pm. Then Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mat Sat, 3pm. Until Oct 2.

HARROGATE: *The Government Inspector*, Gogol's comedy of human vanity and local government, as revised by Vincent Franklin with local references.
Harrogate Theatre, Oxford Street (0423 502116). Opens Thurs, 7.45pm. Then Tues-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Sat (from Sept 25), 2.30pm. Until Oct 9.

LEICESTER: *The Destiny of Me*, Larry Kramer's award-winning sequel to *The Normal Heart*. Simon Callow directs and stars.
Haymarket, Belgrave Gate (0533 539797). Previews from Thurs, 7.30pm. Opens Sept 21, 7.30pm. Then Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Sat (from Sept 25), 3pm. Until Oct 9.

LEEDS: Phelim McDermott brings his comic expertise to *The Servant of Two Masters*, later going to Venice and Rome.
Quarry Theatre, West Yorkshire Playhouse (0532 442111). Previews Thurs, Fri 7.30pm. Opens Sept 18, 8pm. Then Mon-Fri, 7.30pm, Sat, 8pm, mats Sat (Sept 25, Oct 9), 3pm. Until Oct 16.

PLYMOUTH: Roy Marsden plays the title role in *The Master Forger*, based on the exploits of Tom Keating. Tour follows.
Theatre Royal, Royal Parade (0752 267222). Preview, Wed, 7.30pm. Opens Thurs 7.30pm, then Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Thurs, Sat, 2.30pm. Until Sept 25.



A charismatic intruder swamps a woman's identity in *Paper Flowers* (see Theatre)

MUSIC

CLASSICAL

LAST NIGHT OF THE PROMS: Mezzo Della Jones, clarinettist Michael Collins, bass John Tomlinson and pianist Kathryn Stott join the BBC Symphony Orchestra, the BBC Singers and the BBC Symphony Chorus for the familiar end-of-season celebrations. As well as all the usual suspects, this year's all-British last-night programme includes the Clarinet Concerto No 2 by Malcolm Arnold; Constant Lambert's *Rio Grande*, and excerpts from *The Triumph of Neptune* by Lord Berners. Barry Wordsworth conducts.
Albert Hall, Kensington Gore, London, SW7 (071-589 8212), tonight, 7.30pm

ACADEMY OF ANCIENT MUSIC: Christopher Hogwood and his period band are joined by the acclaimed Italian mezzo Cecilia Bartoli for a lively programme of vocal and instrumental music by Handel and Vivaldi.
Barbican, Silk Street, London, EC2 (071-638 8891), Thurs, 7.30pm.

PETER SCHREIER: The great German tenor opens the Wigmore season with a recital of songs by Schubert and Brahms, accompanied by Graham Johnson
Wigmore Hall, Wigmore Street, London, W1 (071-935 2141), tonight, 7.30pm.

GERAINT EVANS GALA: Dennis O'Neill, Margaret Price, Bryn Terfel, Della Jones and Gwynne Howell join forces for a gala tribute to their compatriot, the great Welsh baritone, who died last year. The programme for the evening features operatic arias, duets, choruses and ensembles. All proceeds from the concert go to a scholarship fund intended to continue Sir Geraint's support of young artists.
St David's Hall, The Hayes, Cardiff (0222 371236), tomorrow, 7.30pm

OPERA

MADAM BUTTERFLY: The Royal Opera's season gets under way with Richard Gregson's new staging of Puccini's opera, using designs by Sophie Fedorovitch which have not been seen at Covent Garden for a decade. Diana Soviero sings the title role, Neil Schicoff is Pinkerton; Carlo Rizzi conducts.
Royal Opera House, Covent Garden, London, WC2 (071-240 1066/1911), tonight (7pm), Tues, Fri, 7.30pm.

LA BOHEME: Sian Edwards conducts her first new production as ENO's music director. Stephen Pimlott directs, with designs by Tobias Hoheisel. The American soprano Roberta Alexander makes her house debut.
Coliseum, St Martin's Lane, London, WC2 (071-836 3161), Wed, 7.30pm.

LUCIA DI LAMERMOOR: Donizetti's masterpiece of bel canto tragedy opens the season at Welsh National Opera. Janice Watson sings Scott's doomed heroine; Martin Thompson is Edgardo. Julian Smith conducts. The director is Rennie Wright.
New Theatre, Park Place, Cardiff (0222 394844), Fri, 7.15pm.

THE BACCHAE: Not exactly an opera, this is Euripides's play performed with new music by Iannis Xenakis. David Freeman directs the Opera Factory staging. Nicholas Kok conducts the Premiere Ensemble.
Queen Elizabeth Hall, South Bank, London, SE1 (071-928 8800), today, tomorrow 7.45pm (final performances).

ROCK

PAUL McCARTNEY: The former Beatle, these days paddling unashamedly easy-listening fare, stops off in London as part of his world tour.
Earl's Court, London, SW5 (071-373 8141), today, Tues and Wed, 6.30pm.

SMASHING PUMPKINS: Billy Corgan's Chicago-based outfit begin a tour to promote their emotionally charged new album *Siamese Dream*. They are supported by oft-beat psychedelic rockers, Verve
Wolverhampton, Civic Hall (0902 312030), today, 7.30pm
Cambridge, Corn Exchange (0223 357851), Mon, 7.30pm
Leeds, Town and Country Club (0532 800100), Tues, 7.30pm.
Manchester, Academy (061-275 2930), Wed, 7.30pm **Liverpool**, Royal Court (051-709 2678), Fri, 7.30pm.

IN THE CITY LIVE: This five-day rock extravaganza features a host of new bands. Highlights include Heavenly stablemates St Etienne, Espiritu and Andy Weatherall (Hacienda, tomorrow, 9pm); American country-tinged rockers Grant Lee Buffalo (Solem Bar, Manchester University Student's Union, Mon, 7.30pm); and Intastella with guest Shaun Ryder (Manchester Underground, Tues, 10.15pm).
In the City Live, Manchester (info: 0336 404959; box offices 061-834 2810 or 061-839 0858), today to Wed.

JAZZ

JAMES MOODY A great cohort of Dizzy Gillespie, this resonant tenor and alto saxophonist scored a popular hit with his improvisation, "I'm in the Mood for Love". He plays here with his quartet.
Ronnie Scott's, London, W1 (071-439 0747), Mon to next Sat, 8.30pm.

MOSE ALLISON TRIO This pianist and singer combines blues, swing and bebop in his idiosyncratic musical repertoire
PizzaExpress, *London*, W1 (071-439 8722). Wed to next Sun, 7.45pm

CHRISTINE TOBIN. The Dublin jazz singer performs original material with a Celtic flavour.
London, Vortex (071-254 6516), Thurs, 8.30pm. **Brighton**, The Fishermans (0273 202807), Fri, 8.30pm



Saxophonist James Moody performs with his quartet

DANCE

VIVARTA: This international festival of contemporary South Asian arts highlights the cross-fertilisation between South Asian and European/American dance. Running in cities including London, Bristol, Bradford, Liverpool and Manchester, it opens in Leicester with a programme choreographed by Kumudini Lakhia, who deconstructs the traditional forms of Kathak.
Kumudini Lakhia Company: Phoenix Arts, Leicester (0533 554854). Fri, next Sat 8pm
Festival details: 071-387 0031.

ANNA KARENINA: This full-length ballet, based on the Tolstoy novel, was choreographed for the Australian Ballet by André Prokovsky. Then, the role of Anna was danced by Galina Samsova; now, as director of Scottish Ballet, she presents the work's British premiere.
Theatre Royal, Glasgow (041-332 9000), today, 2.15pm, 7.15pm. **King's Theatre**, Edinburgh (031-220 4349), Tues-next Sat, 7.30pm, mats, Thurs, next Sat, 2.30pm

EXHIBITIONS

LONDON

AMERICAN ART IN THE 20TH CENTURY: A gigantic survey, held in two galleries and made up largely of gigantic individual works, chronicles the development of modernism in the United States from the time of the epoch-making Armory Show of 1913 up to the present. Apart from Edward Hopper, almost everything not deliberately forward-looking is left out, and the great weight of the show falls on the "golden age" of Abstract Expressionism in the *Forties and Fifties*. The Saatchi Gallery houses the second part of the exhibition showing works from 1970.
Royal Academy of Arts, Piccadilly, W1 (071-439 7438), daily, 10am-6pm. Thurs to Dec 12: **The Saatchi Gallery**, 98a Boundary Road, NW8 (071-624 8299), daily 10am-6pm. Thurs to Dec 12.

THE WILTON DIPTYCH: The first in a new series of National Gallery exhibitions under the general label, "Making and Meaning", is devoted to the mysteries attached to the Wilton Diptych, a haunting image of Richard II being presented to the virgin and child by the Saints, Edmund, Edward and John the Baptist. No definite conclusions are forthcoming about where it was painted, for whom, or what precise significance the imagery is intended to convey, but there is a closer technical analysis than ever before
National Gallery, Trafalgar Square, WC2 (071-839 3321). Mon-Sat, 10am-6pm, Sun, 2-6pm, opens Wed to Dec 12

DOROTHEA TANNING American-born (in 1910), Tanning is probably best remembered as Max Ernst's wife. This show covers her whole career from the earliest surrealistic art, starting with the famous self-portrait *Birthday* of 1942, four years before she married Ernst, continuing through the married years, and bringing the story up to date with collages and drawings made in the last year. She is not perhaps such a great artist as Ernst, but the comparison seems less and less relevant.
Camden Arts Centre, Arkwright Road, NW3 (071-435 2643) Tues-Thurs, midday-8pm, Fri-Sun, midday-6pm, opens Fri to Nov 21

LUCIAN FREUD: Freud's last significant retrospective was at the Hayward Gallery in 1988. Since then he has been painting more prolifically than ever, and this new show assembles 55 paintings (some very large), five drawings and ten etchings — all completed in the last decade. The subjects are nearly all people, the internal drama more intense.
Whitechapel Art Gallery, Whitechapel High Street, E1 (071-377 0107) Tues-Sun, 11am-5pm. (Wed to 8pm), until Nov 21.

AGNES MARTIN Eighty last year, Canadian-born and New York-trained, Martin evolved in the 1950s her own vocabulary of geometrical grids and lines. A selection of her sensuous recent work is exhibited in Britain for the first time
Serpentine Gallery, Kensington Gardens, W2 (071-402 6075) Daily, 10am-6pm, until Oct 24.

PICTURES IN PICTURES The second of the National Gallery's new series of small shows "Themes and Variations" draws on the gallery's collection to indicate the different ways a variety of painters from Vermeer to Degas have used pictures as more or less significant props in interiors they themselves were depicting.
National Gallery, Trafalgar Square, London WC2 (071-839 3321) Mon-Sat, 10am-6pm (Wed to 8pm), Sun, 2-6pm, until Sept 19.

PISSARRO: THE IMPRESSIONIST AND THE CITY: In the last decade of his life (1893-1903) Pissarro virtually forsook the rural themes of his earlier work for an extended consideration of the Paris street scene. This show of more than 60 of his paintings makes a case for his sense of painting in series
Royal Academy of Arts, Piccadilly, W1 (071-439 7438) Daily, 10am-6pm, until Oct 10.

CAREL WEIGHT RA: After chugging along as a respected but relatively unsung RA for most of his career, during the last ten years Weight has suddenly been taken up by the avant-garde. Now, to mark his 85th birthday, comes this mini-retrospective of work ranging in date from 1927 to 1991
Christie's, 8 King Street, SW1 (071-839 9060) Mon-Fri, 9am-5pm, Sun, 2-5pm, until Wed.

BERNARD OF HOLLYWOOD: If any single person discovered Norma Jean Baker and began her transformation into Marilyn Monroe, it was the photographer Bernard of Hollywood, who met and started to photograph her in 1946. This show also features his pictures of Marlene Dietrich, Clark Gable, Rita Hayworth, John Wayne and Jayne Mansfield
Museum of the Moving Image, South Bank, SE1 (071-401 2636) Daily, 10am-6pm, until Sept 30.

ARATJARA This exhibition features contemporary Aboriginal art, which may use traditional form but is more likely to reinterpret traditional images in modern media like acrylic on canvas, or may well move right away from tribal life to convey a political message from an urban Aborigine in international Pop Art style
Hayward Gallery, South Bank, SE1, (071-261 0127) Daily 10am-6pm (Tues-Wed to 8pm), until Oct 10

BURNE-JONES After a period of neglect, Edward Burne-Jones is receiving increasing critical attention these days. Virtually self-taught, he belongs to the second, more openly symbolist phase of Pre-Raphaelitism, and has many connections with the Arts and Crafts movement. This show covers these and many other aspects of his career.
Tate Gallery, Millbank, London, SW1 (071-887 8000). Mon-Sat, 10am-5.50pm, Sun, 2-5.50pm, until Nov 7

REGIONAL

FRED ELWELL RA: *The First Born* was hung at the Royal Academy in 1913, and excited fierce argument as to whether the young father glimpsing his first child should have taken off his hat. Despite the controversy, the picture was and remains Elwell's most popular. Exhibited here are many of Elwell's technically accomplished paintings
Ferens Art Gallery, Queen Victoria Square, Hull (0482 593912) Mon-Sat, 10am-5pm, Sun, 1.30-4.30pm, until Nov 7. Then touring to the Laing Art Gallery in Newcastle.

THE INHERITANCE OF THE HART FAMILY: The most prominent member of the family was Thomas Hart (1830-1916), whose watercolours of Cornwall were shown at the Royal Academy. Six of his 12 children followed in their father's artistic footsteps. This is the first showing of the Harts in Cornwall since their own days
Falmouth Art Gallery, The Moor, Falmouth (0326 313863). Mon-Thurs, 10am-4.30pm, Fri, 10am-7pm, Sat, 10am-1pm, until next Fri.

HOLBEIN AND THE COURT OF HENRY VIII: This Scottish National Gallery show evokes the relationship of Hans Holbein the Younger and the English Court. The miniatures in particular are a rare delight.
National Gallery of Scotland, The Mound, Edinburgh (031-556 8921). Mon-Sat, 10am-5pm, Sun, 2pm-5pm, until Sept 26.

MY IMAGINATION TOOK A JOURNEY: An exhibition of works by George Romney. Though he is remembered as a portrait painter, his drawings take us into a far stormier world.
Fitzwilliam Museum, Cambridge (0223 332900) Tues-Fri, 2-5pm. Sat, 10am-5pm, Sun, 2.15-5pm, until Sept 19

BOOKINGS

THE IRON MAN. Pete Townshend, whose earlier production, *Tommy*, had its stage debut on Broadway last month, has adapted the classic children's tale by Poet Laureate Ted Hughes into a new rock opera. Townshend provides the music, libretto and musical direction, with David Thacker directing
The Young Vic, 66 The Cut, London, SE1 (071-928 6363) Previews from Nov 18, Opens Nov 25, 7pm

SYLVIA: From the creator of such dance classics as *The Snow Queen* and *Hobson's Choice* comes a new full-length ballet. David Bintley's re-creation of the mythical tale of the beautiful nymph Sylvia has a score by Delibes and new designs by Sue Blane
Hippodrome, Hurst Street, Birmingham (021-622 7486) Preview Oct 25, Premiere Oct 26, then Oct 27, Nov 5, 6

NEW VIDEOS

CHESS FEVER (Connoisseur, PG). Wonderful half-hour Soviet short from 1926, poking fun at the country's chess mania. Luminaries gathered for the 1925 Moscow tournament are woven into the absurd action, thanks to impish editing by co-director Pudovkin



Stellan Skarsgard stars with Ewa Froling. *The Ox*

THE OX (Artificial Eye, 15): A luckless couple kill their neighbour's ox. A stark family tragedy from 1860s Sweden, beautifully recounted by director Sven Nykvist. Bergman's cameraman 1992.

ONE FALSE MOVE (20:20 Vision, 18): Excellent, well-constructed rural film noir from director Carl Franklin, with Bill Paxton as the Arkansas sheriff faced with two fleeing drug dealers and a tantalising moll. 1992

SOFT TOP, HARD SHOULDER (Columbia TriStar, 15): London to Glasgow with an ice-cream heir (Peter Capaldi), a prim miss (Elaine Collins), and a few too many whimsies for comfort. Director, Stefan Schwartz. 1992

Film: Geoff Brown; **Theatre:** Jeremy Kingston; **Classical Music and Opera:** Gwen Hughes; **Rock and Jazz:** Stephanie Osborne; **Dance:** Debra Craine; **Exhibitions:** John Russell Taylor; **New Videos:** Geoff Brown; **Bookings:** Mam Hargie

WORD WATCHING

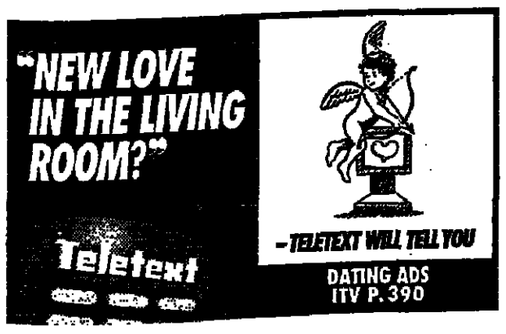
Answers from page 22

ARISTATE
(c) Furnished with aristae, awned, bearded, adapted from the Latin *aristatus*, from *arista*, the head of an ear of grain; Hooker, *Studia Flora*, 1870: "*Centaurea calcitrapa*: lobes recurved, aristate."

THURINGER
(a) A summer sausage, adapted from the German *thüringer*, eponym for Thuringia, the region of central Germany: "Thuringer (fresh summer sausage) 120 lbs regular beef trimmings, 40 lbs beef hearts, 60 lbs chuck, 80 lbs regular pork trimmings, etc."

FRUBBISH
(b) To furbish or polish by rubbing, a mistaken variant of *furbish*; Holland, *Pliny*, 1601: "When it is well scoured and furbished with sand, and knowne by the brightness and lustre thereof that it hath him sufficiently frubbished and purified."

DROSSARD
(a) A steward, high bailiff, prefect, developed from old Teutonic words meaning someone who presides at the meals of a *druht* or company: "The Drossards and Bailiffs of the several places in the Country of Waes are summoned to Ghent, to swear Fealty to the French King."



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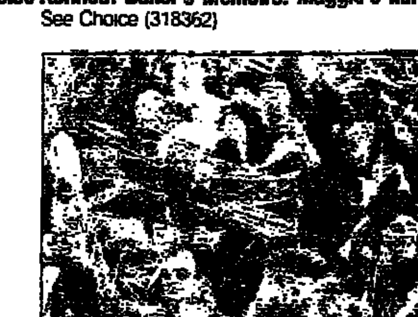
7.00 Ceefax (4334169)
7.25 News and weather (8102188)
7.30 Pinocchio (r) (8868985) **7.50 The All New Popeye Show** (r) (8848121)
8.10 McGee and Me. Award-winning American children's programme (2818527) **8.35 Peter Pan and the Pirates** (r) (Ceefax) (s) (6879904)
9.00 Parallel 9 with guests Linford Christie, Colin *Jackson and Darcy Bussell (s)* (18565275) **10.55 Cartoon** *Baby Wants a Bottle* (1180527)
11.00 Film: Gypsy Colt (1954) starring Donna Corcoran. Family drama about a young girl's colt that her parents have to sell when they hit hard times. Directed by Andrew Marton (1410140) **12.12 Weather** (8996091)
12.15 Grandstand introduced by Ray Stubbs. The line-up is (subject to alteration) **12.20** Football Focus (3754324). **1.00** News (74478121); **1.05** Figure Skating, Rugby Union, Equestrian (7995633). **1.50** Motor Racing: round 13 of the Formula 3 championship from Silverstone (61284053); **2.10** (32362350), **2.40** (5134508), **3.15** (7539169) Racing from Goodwood and Leopardstown (the Guinness Irish Champion Stakes at **3.30**): **2.20** (38275362), **2.50** (3404546) and **3.35** (4813140) Golf, the third round of the GA European Open from East Sussex National club, Uckfield; **4.40** Final Score (8663459)
5.15 News (Ceefax) and weather (5693091)
5.25 Regional News and sport (7727275). **Wales:** Unlock the Action
5.30 Cartoon. *Little Gravel Voice.* (Ceefax) (495362)
5.40 Big Break. Against the clock snooker game, presented by Jim Davidson (s) (904)


A journey in time for Michael J. Fox (6.00pm)

6.00 Film: Back To the Future Part II (1989) starring Michael J Fox and Christopher Lloyd. Marty McFly is sent to the year 2015 to try to rescue his unborn son, then himself, from the ruthless Biff. Directed by Robert Zemeckis *(Ceefax)* (s) (26439072)
7.45 Open All Hours. Classic comedy starring Ronnie Barker and David Jason (r). (Ceefax) (593072)
8.15 Challenge Anneka The ebullient Anneka Rice is challenged by St Martin-in-the-Fields social care unit to help refurbish kitchens and a dining hall and provide food for some of London's homeless. (Ceefax) (s) (816904)
9.05 Last Night of the Proms. Live coverage of the second part of tonight's concert (part one is on BBC2 at 7.30). Before the traditional flag-waving the BBC Symphony Orchestra perform Walton's *Shakespeare Suite from Richard III*, some of *Vaughan Williams's Songs of Travel* and Bennett's waltz *The Orient Express*. With Della Jones, John Tomlinson, the BBC Singers and BBC Symphony Chorus (s). Simultaneous broadcast with Radio 3 (31828072)
NB: the following programmes may run late
10.40 News with Martyn Lewis (Ceefax) Sport and weather (815546)
11.00 Match Of the Day. Desmond Lynam introduces highlights of two of today's top games (s) (33614)
12.00 Film: Gladiator School (1988) starring Robert Conrad. Police drama about an honest, no-nonsense officer whose sometimes heavy-handed approach to law enforcement has made him powerful enemies intent on revenge. Directed by James Darren. (Ceefax) (61947) **1.30am Weather**

BBC2

6.40 Open University (64343)
3.00 Animation Now. *Felicity*, a collection of pastel drawings describing the impact of nature on people in a park (7070430)
3.10 Film: Summer Holiday (1963) starring Cliff Richard. From the *Hollywood UK* season, a romantic musical about four London Transport mechanics travelling across Europe in a double-decker bus who meet an American girl running away *from stardom. With Lauri Peters, Ron Moody and* the Shadows Directed by Peter Yates. (Ceefax) (92121091)
4.55 Rugby Special introduced by Chris Rea. A new season begins with highlights of the game between Northampton and Leicester. The commentator is Nigel Starmer-Smith (s) (4624492). **Wales:** Wales on Saturday
5.55 A Million Like Us. An education special about how the lives have changed for six of the one million people who have taken an Open University course (543701)
6.35 News with Jennie Bond (Ceefax). Sport and weather (146985)
6.50 Kenneth Baker's Memoirs: Maggie's Minister. See Choice (318362)


Big night out for the promenaders (7.30pm)

7.30 Last Night Of the Proms Live coverage of the first *half introduced by Richard Baker at the Albert Hall* (part two is on BBC2 at 9.05). An all-British programme includes Holst's ballet music from *The Perfect Fool*, Arnold's *Clarinet Concerto No 2* (soloist Michael Collins) and Lambert's *Rio Grande*. Barry Wordsworth conducts the BBC Symphony Orchestra, with Della Jones, Kathryn Stott, the BBC Singers and BBC Symphony Orchestra (s). Simultaneous broadcast with Radio 3 (428695)
8.45 Film: Desert Bloom (1986) starring Annabeth Gish and Jon Voight. Young Rose is surrounded by a tempestuous family life with her gritty mother and volatile stepfather. Tensions rise when her attractive aunt comes to stay while waiting for a "quickie" divorce at the same time that the surrounding Nevada desert is being prepared for an atomic test. Directed by Eugene Corr. (Ceefax) (82441411)
10.30 World Chess Championships. News from London and The Netherlands on the rival world championship matches (s) (20091)
11.00 Video Diaries: Time for Tom. See Choice (194411)
12.05am Film: A Taste Of Honey (1961, b/w) starring Rita Tushingham and Dora Bryan. Tony Richardson's powerful drama, being shown as part of the *Hollywood UK* season, about a disillusioned young woman, pregnant and forced to leave her alcoholic mother and live with her best friend, a depressed homosexual, in a grimy backstreet flat. (Ceefax) (104980). Ends at **1.50**

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CHOICE


Kenneth Baker on life with Maggie (BBC2, 6.50pm)

Kenneth Baker's Memoirs — Maggie's Minister
BBC2, 6.50pm

Politicians who write their memoirs can usually expect a television profile from Michael Cockerell. Kenneth Baker breaks the mould by doing his own programme. It is less an autobiography than a portrait of his long-time boss, Lady Thatcher. As well as offering his memories Baker interviews former colleagues such as Kenneth Clarke, Malcolm Rifkind and Lord Parkinson. With Lady Thatcher safely in retirement they can afford to be honest. On the one hand they say how dreadful she was, bossy, arrogant, insulting and inflexible. At the same time they maintain that she was exhilarating to work for. It is a watchable, revealing and funny film and there two are more to come.

Video Diaries: Time for Tom
BBC2, 11.00pm

Christine Kettley's film records the short life and early death of her son, Tom, victim of a rare and terminal brain disorder called Tay Sachs disease. It is a moving and intimate account, which far from trying to hide the experience of disability and grief brings it out into the open. Christine's love for Tom is balanced by the demands he imposes on her. Everyday routines, such as shopping and collecting her daughter from school, depend on organising a roster of carers. She worries that she is neglecting her other children. Tom's death is expected and inevitable but still leaves a huge gap. Christine's way of coping will not be everybody's but it provides the most personal footage.

Movie Music Man: A Portrait of Lalo Schifrin
Channel 4, 7.00pm

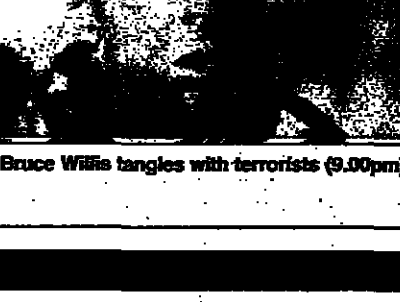
Steve Race narrates a friendly profile of the Argentinian-born pianist, composer and conductor who has been equally at home playing jazz with Dizzy Gillespie or taking charge of a symphony orchestra. He has little time for critics who try to impose labels and insists that eclectic is not a dirty word. For the mass audience Schifrin is best known for his film and television scores, of which he has written more than 100. He is pithy about the difference: "Music for movies is like writing a letter, music for television is like writing a telegram — you have to give a very concise message". A comparison between the subtle banjo music for *Cool Hand Luke* and the ear-bashing theme of *Mission Impossible* makes the point.

The Four Feathers
Channel 4, 8.30pm

Alexander Korda, the Hungarian who left his flamboyant mark on the British film industry, was born 100 years ago and television is doing him proud. A two-part profile comes up soon on BBC1 and Channel 4 has a season of Korda films. *The Four Feathers* is as good as anywhere to start. Korda was little interested in contemporary Britain but he loved to celebrate the British past. Taken from the novel by A.E.W. Mason, *The Four Feathers* is a stirring tale of empire with sumptuous Technicolor photography. *John Clements plays the army captain who is branded* as a coward but redeems himself when he rescues a fellow officer (Ralph Richardson). The director was Korda's brother, Zoltan. **Peter Waymark**

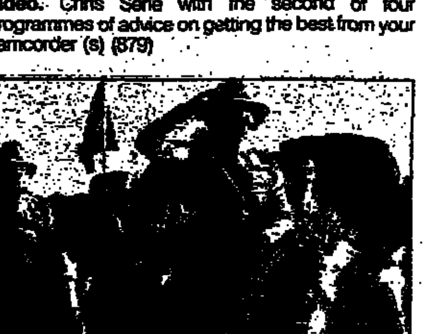
ITV LONDON

6.00 GMTV (9278984)
9.25 What's Up Doc? Includes the secrets of Linford Christie's fruit diet and Chuck Jones, creator of *Roadrunner*, talking about life in Hollywood (s) (88844922)
11.30 ITV Chart Show. The *Video Vault* features Sisters of Mercy with "This Corrosion" (r) (s) (28968)
12.30 Opening Shot. This week's edition of the children's arts documentary series features a "super choir", chosen from the country's leading choristers, preparing for the Purcell tricentenary in 1995 (s) (58362)
1.00 News with Dermot Murnaghan. Weather (74403817) **1.05 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (74402188)
1.10 Movies, Games and Videos. Film, video and computer games magazine (66873817)
1.40 Film: Boy On A Dolphin (1957) starring Alan Ladd, Sophia Loren and Clifton Webb. Adventure yarn about a skindiver (Loren in her Hollywood debut) *who finds sunken treasure off a Greek island in the* Aegean. Directed by Jean Negulesco (92070188)
3.40 WCW Worldwide Wrestling (3625782)
4.25 Cartoon Time (8862188)
4.40 News with Dermot Murnaghan. Weather (8702053)
5.00 London Today (Teletext), sport and weather (8899817)
5.15 Beadle's About. Another collection of elaborate jokes played on unsuspecting members of the public by Jeremy Beadle (2654188)
5.40 New Baywatch. Adventures of Los Angeles beach guards, starring David Hasselhoff. (Teletext) (s) *(101614)*
6.30 Film: Beverly Hills Cop II (1987) starring Eddie Murphy and Judge Reinhold. In this comedy thriller-sequel Axel Foley, the sharp Detroit policeman based in Beverley Hills, is reunited with his incompetent colleagues Rosewood and Taggart when investigating the brutal beating of Captain Bogomil during a violent robbery. Directed by Tony Scott (62127121)
8.15 The Bill: Bad Reaction. DI Harry Haines's (Gary Whelan) first day at Sun Hill includes a break-in at a chemical warehouse and a dispute between drug dealers. (Teletext) (860256)
8.45 News with Dermot Murnaghan. Weather (911966)
9.00 Film: Die Hard (1988) starring Bruce Willis and Alan Rickman. Thriller about a New York policeman visiting his estranged businesswoman wife when they are taken hostage along with the rest of the staff by a terrorist gang demanding a ransom of $600 million. Directed by John McTiernan (45246053)
11.25 Film: Eat and Run (1986) starring Ron Silver. Science fiction comedy about a policeman investigating the disappearance of 35 people from New York's Little Italy. Directed by Christopher Hart (681237)
12.55 The Big E. European magazine (s) (1784947)
1.55 It's Bizarre! Chat show hosted by Linda Lusardi. The guests include the American band Sparks (9054893)
2.55 New Music. Rock music from Canada (6815218)
3.55 Coach. American comedy series (91673725)
4.25 BPM. Sounds from the dance music scene (s) (9982367)
5.30 ITN Morning News with Tim Neilson (15909). Ends at **6.00**


Bruce Willis tangles with terrorists (9.00pm)

CHANNEL 4

6.00 The Wonderful Wizard Of Oz. Animation (r) (s) (3391256) **6.25 Wowser.** Cartoon adventures of a dog and his gang (1427695) **6.40 Bobobobs.** Cartoon series set in space (r) (9802017)
7.05 The Legend Of White Fang. Animation based on Jack London's canine hero (4319850) **7.30 Pugwall's Summer** Children's adventures (29411)
8.00 Trans World Sport. International sporting news (43343)
9.00 News (4932459) **9.15 Channel 4 Racing: The Morning Line** (608343)
9.45 American Football. A repeat of Monday's gridiron action (4729140)
11.00 Gazzetta Football Italia. Highlights from last weekend's Serie A matches, introduced by Paul Gascoigne and James Richardson (45459)
12.00 Charming Worms. A documentary about the world worm charming championships, held in Cheshire, in which contestants use a variety of methods to try to raise the maximum number of worms (r) (86922)
12.30 Kasak. *The final episode of the Pakistani drama* serial: In Urdu with English subtitles (1791430)
1.05 Timeless Hunters. Benn Cropp and his sons join the islanders of the Torres Straits, off the north of Australia, in a celebration of a way of life that has been enjoyed for thousands of years but is now in danger of disappearing (r) (7988343)
1.50 Channel 4 Racing from Doncaster and Leopardstown. Brough Scott introduces live coverage of the 2.00, 2.30, 3.05 (Coalite St Leger Stakes) and 3.40 races from Doncaster and the 3.30 (Guinness Champion Stakes) from Leopardstown (52862904)
4.00 The Times World Chess Championship. Live coverage of the opening moves in the third game in the best-of-24 series between Garry Kasparov and Nigel Short at London's Savoy Theatre (3529362)
5.05 Brookside Omnibus (r). (Teletext) (s) (6702306)
6.30 News summary and weather followed by **Shoot the Video.** Chris Serle with the second of four programmes of advice on getting the best from your camcorder (s) (879)


Alexander Korda's homage to empire (8.30pm)

7.00 Movie Music Man: A Portrait of Lalo Schifrin (s) See Choice (9362)
8.00 The Times World Chess Championship. Further coverage of the third game (6701)
8.30 Film: The Four Feathers (1939). (Teletext) See Choice (51025576)
10.45 The Times World Chess Championship. An analysis of the third game by British grandmasters Raymond Keene and Jonathan Speelman, plus Daniel King and Cathy Forbes (870633)
11.15 Time Flies When You're Alive. A film of actor-writer Paul Linke's one-man show about a husband remembering his wife's death from cancer, based on his own experiences. A moving work without being maudlin, effectively directed by Roger Spottiswoode (270091)
12.50am Finding Sarah by Julia Kearsley. A drama about a woman to whom motherhood means insecurity. She is not helped by her husband or by the knowledge that she herself was adopted. Despite *the opposition of her adoptive parents, she is* determined to find her natural mother. Starring Barbara Dukin, David Horovitch, Frank Windsor and Brenda Bruce (r) (7742560). Ends at **1.55**

RADIO 1

FM Stereo and **MW.**
7.00am Gary Davies **10.00** Claire Sturgess **1.00pm** Adrian Juste **2.00** The Record Producers: the return of the series that spotlights music's backroom boys **3.00** Johnnie Walker **5.30** The Saturday Rock Show **7.30** In Concert: The The at Brixton Academy **8.30** Alan Parker's 29 Minutes of Truth **9.00** Andy Kershaw **11.00** John Peel (**FM** only from 12.00am) **2.00am-4.00am** Steve Edwards (**FM** only)

RADIO 2

FM Stereo.
4.00am Colin Berry **6.00** Barbara Sturgeon **8.05** Brian Matthew **10.00** Sarah Kennedy **12.00pm** Hayes on Saturday **1.30** The Queen of Romance by Stephen Sheridan, starring Lesley Joseph as blockbuster writer Angela Temple **2.00** Ronnie Hilton **3.00** Steve Race **4.00** The British are Coming: a look at the Beatles's US success **5.00** Cinema 2 **5.30** Nick Barraclough **6.00** Bob Holness Requests the Pleasure .. **7.00** Salutations: Moira Stuart celebrates the music of black British and Afro-Caribbean musicians **7.30** David Jacobs **9.30** Johnny Mathis in Concert *Live from the NEC* **10.20** Radio 2 Arts Programme **12.05am** Ronnie Hilton (r) **1.00-4.00am** Adrian Fingham

RADIO 5

News and sport on the hour until **7.00pm. 6.00am** World Service **6.30** Weekend Edition **9.30** Get Set **10.30** Superman - Doomsday and Beyond **11.00** Go! **12.00pm** Sport on 4 Plus 1 (r) **12.30** Sportscall **1.30** Sport on Five **5.00** Sports Report **6.06** Se-C-Se **7.30** Afropop Worldwide **8.30** Le Top **9.30** Nightbeat **10.00** Sports Bulletin **10.15-12.00am** The Way Out

WORLD SERVICE

All times in **BST. 4.30am** BBC English **4.45** News and Press Review in German **5.00** Morgenmagazin **5.30** Jazz Now and Then **5.45** Worldbrief **6.00** News **5.30** Europe Today **7.00** News **7.10** News About Britain **7.15** The World Today **7.30** Meridian **8.00** Newsdesk **8.30** People and Politics **9.00** News **9.10** Words of Faith **9.15** A Jolly Good Show **10.00** News **10.05** Business *Report* **10.15** *Worldbrief* **10.30** *Personal* View **10.45** Sports Roundup **11.00** News **11.01** Jazz Now and Then **11.15** Letter from America **11.30** BBC English **11.45** Mittagsmagazin **Noon** Newsdesk **12.30pm** *Meridian* **1.00** News **1.10** Words of Faith **1.15** Multitrack 3 **1.45** Sports Roundup **2.00** Newshour **3.00** News **3.01** Sportsworld **4.00** News **4.15** BBC English **4.30** Heute Aktuell **5.00** News **5.10** News About Britain **5.15** Sportsworld **6.00** BBC English **6.30** Heute Aktuell **7.05** German Features **8.00** Last Night of the Proms (first half) **8.35** *World News* **8.45** *Interval Talk* **9.00** Proms (second half) **10.00** Newshour **11.00** News **11.10** News About Britain **11.15** Jazz for the Asking **11.45** Sports Roundup **Midnight** News **12.05am** Words of Faith **12.10** Book Choice **12.15** A Jolly Good Show **1.00** Newsdesk **1.30** The John Dunn Show **2.00** News Summary **2.01** Play of the Week *Albert's Bridge* **3.00** Newsdesk **3.30** From Hoplite to Hamer: A Radio History of Warfare **4.00** News **4.10** News About Britain **4.15** Sports Roundup

CLASSIC FM

6.00am Sarah Lucas **9.00** Classic Countdown **12.00pm** Petroc Trelawny **3.00** Nicky Horne **6.00** Classic America: Marilyn Horne **7.00** World Opera Series. Wagner's Lohengrin performed by the Vienna Philharmonic Orchestra under Georg Solti With Placido Domingo as Lohengrin and Jessye Norman as Elsa **12.00-6.00am** André Leon

VIRGIN 1215

6.00am Graham Dene **10.00** Big Red Mug Show **1.00pm** Paul Coyte **4.00** Dave Fanning**8.00** Wendy Lloyd **11.00** Tommy Rivers**2.00-6.00am** Sandy Beech

VARIATIONS

ANGLIA
As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 Movies, Games And Videos (58362) **1.05** Anglia News (74402188) **1.10** The Littlest Hobo (66850966) **1.35** C O P S. (68366508) **2.05** Film: The Cheap Detective (Peter Falk, Ann-Margret, Eileen Brennan) (686099) **3.45-4.40** The A-Team (2389492) **5.00-5.15** Anglia News, Sport & Weather (8899817) **11.25** Film. The Gumball Rally (Michael Sarrazin, Norman Burton, Gary Busey) (221986) **1.25am** Hollywood Report (3141725) **1.55** Kojak (9063541) **2.50** BPM (8240947) **3.45** The Little Picture Show (3200305) **4.40-5.30** The Big E (2322015)

CENTRAL
As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 *America's Top 10* (58362) **1.05** *Central News* (74402188) **1.10-1.35** C.O.P.S (68850966) **1.35** Movies, Games And Videos (68366508) **2.05** Knight Rider (3946275) **3.00** The A-Team (6772343) **3.50-4.40** WCW World Wide Wrestling (3865850) **5.00** Central News (7700508) **5.05-5.15** The Central Match - Goals Extra (5699275) **11.25** Beverly Hills 90210 (906350) **12.15am** Duran Duran (4587102) **1.05** Music Box Special (7339102) **2.05** It's Bizarre! (7560299) **3.00** Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (54947) **3.30** America's Top 10 (49164) **4.00** Jobfinder (9422360) **5.20-5.30** Asian Eye (1448638)

GRANADA
As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 Movies, Games And Videos (58362) **1.05** Granada News (74402188) **1.10** Granada Sport: Kick Off (7978966) **2.00-4.40** Granada Sport: *Action (11607411)* **5.00** *Granada News* (7700508) **5.05-5.15** Granada Sport: Goals Extra (5699275) **11.25** Film: The Gumball Rally (221986) **1.25am** Hollywood Report

HTV WEST
As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 Movies, Games And Videos (58362) **1.05** HTV News & Weather (74402188) **1.10** Nigel Mansell's Indycar '93 (66873817) **1.40** Cartoon Time (52910343) **1.50** McCloud (79717546) **3.45-4.40** The A-Team (2389492) **5.00-5.15** HTV News & Weather (8899817) **11.25** Film: The Gumball Rally (221986) **1.25am** Hollywood Report (3141725) **1.55** Kojak (9063541) **2.50** *BPM (8240947)* **3.45** *The Little Picture Show* (3200305) **4.40-5.30** The Big E (2322015)

HTV WALES
As HTV WEST except: 1.05pm-1.10 HTV Wales News & Weather (74402188) **5.00-5.15** HTV Wales News & Weather (8899817)

MERIDIAN
As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 Movies, Games And Videos (58362) **1.05** Meridian News & Weather (74402188) **1.10** International Yacht Racing (66873817) **1.40** Nigel Mansell's Indycar '93 (68365879) **2.10** Film: The Greatest American Hero (331102) **3.55-4.40** WCW World Wide Wrestling (3620237) **5.00-5.15** Meridian News & Weather (8899817) **11.25** Film: Dracula Has Risen From The Grave (993430) **1.10am** Duran Duran (8928367) **2.00** The Big E (7551928) **2.55** *Film: Splendor (548299)* **4.30-5.30** BPM (91560)

TYNE TEES
As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 Movies, Games And Videos (58362) **1.05** Tyne Tees News (74402188) **1.10** The Munsters Today (66850966) **1.35** Wanted: Dead Or Alive (68366508) **2.05** Film: The Black Hole (686099) **3.45-4.40** Highway To Heaven (2389492) **5.00-5.15** Tyne Tees Saturday (8899817) **11.25** Film: American Flyers (17427701) **1.35am** Kojak (9083305) **2.30** BPM (60676) **3.30** The Little Picture Show (32393) **4.30-5.30** Cue The Music (91560)

WESTCOUNTRY
As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 Movies, Games And Videos (58362) **1.05** Westcountry Weekend Latest (74402188) **1.10** Nigel Mansell's Indycar '93 (66873817) **1.40** Steve Looks Back (68365879) **2.10** Film: Not Quite Human (3926411) **3.10** Cartoon (5499362) **3.15** Birthday People (5498633) **3.20** Anybody Out There? (2344385) **3.50-4.40** Superstars Of Wrestling (3865850) **5.00-5.15** Westcountry Weekend Latest (8899817) **11.25** Film: The Gumball Rally (221986) **1.25am** Hollywood Report (3141725) **1.55** Kojak (9063541) **2.50** BPM (8240947) **3.45** The Little Picture Show (3200305) **4.40-5.30** The Big E (2322015)

YORKSHIRE
As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 Movies, *Games And Videos (58362)* **1.05** Calendar News (74402188) **1.10** The Munsters Today (66850966) **1.35** Wanted: Dead Or Alive (68366508) **2.05** Film: The Black Hole (686099) **3.45-4.40** Highway To Heaven (2389492) **5.00-5.15** Calendar News (8899817) **11.25** Film: American Flyers (17427701) **1.35am** Kojak (9083305) **2.30** B.P.M. (60676) **3.30** The Little Picture Show (32893) **4.30-5.30** Cue The Music (91560)

S4C
Starts: 7.05am The Legend Of White Fang (4319850) **7.30** Pugwall's Summer (29411) **8.00** Trans World Sport (43343) **9.00** News Summary (4932459) *9.15 Racing: The* Morning Line (608343) **9.45** A Blink Of Paradise (3736633) **10.00** Slot Sadwrn (33324) **12.00pm** Gazetta Football Italia (35411) **1.00** Ball - A Pattern of Life (7989072) **1.45** Gustav And The Cat to Be (52926904) **1.50** Channel 4 Racing (52862904) **4.00** World Chess Championship (3529362) **5.05** Brookside (6702306) **6.30** Hypnosis (879) **7.00** Newyddion (903492) **7.15** Gemau Heb Ffiniau (9773833) **8.30** Tocyn Tymor (79148) **9.30** Dihirod Dyled (568546) **10.15** Film: Birth Of A Nation (71708782)

RADIO 3

6.35am Open University: Victorian Religion **6.55** Weather
7.00 Saturday Morning Concert: Vaughan Williams (Overture, The Wasps), Ives, orch Schuman (Variations on "America"): Beethoven (Violin Concerto in D): Respighi (Fountains of Rome): Dvorak (Symphony No 8 in G)
9.00 News
9.05 Record Release introduced by Richard Osborne. Elgar (Overture: Cockaigne): Telemann (Concerto in E minor for flute and violin: with Jed Wentz, flute, and Manfred Kraemer, violin), Schubert (Three Klavierstücke, D946): Ruders (Nightshade): Brahms (A German Requiem, Nos 4 — 6): Sainte Colombe (le fils) (Le Tombeau de M de Sainte Colombe le pere): Bruckner (Symphony No 7)
12.00 Spirit of the Age. Andrew Parrott reflects on 20 years as director of the Taverner Choir and Players (r)
1.00 News 1.05 William Howard, piano, performs Dvorak (Three Waltzes Op 54), Milostav Istvan (Piano Sonata No 3): Suk (About Mother, Op 28) (r)
1.50 Così fan tutte From this year's Salzburg Festival comes Mozart's comic opera of love, wiles and female ways The Vienna Philharmonic under Christoph von Dohnanyi with Solveig Kringelborn as Fiordiligi; Jennifer Larmore as Dorabella; Elzbieta Szmytka as Despina; Bruce Ford as Ferrando, Jeffrey Black as Guglielmo and Ferruccio Furlanetto as Don Alfonso.
5.00 Jazz Record Requests with Geoffrey Smith
5.45 Piano Trios: Augustin Dumay, violin, Jean-Philippe Collar, piano, and Gary Hoffmann, cello, in a performance given at the 1992 Bath Festival Mozart (Divertimento in B flat, K254): Ravel (Piano Trio in A minor). Beethoven Piano Trio in B flat, Op 97, Archduke)
7.30 Last Night of the Proms, from the Albert Hall, London. Simultaneous broadcast with BBC1. BBC SO under Barry Wordsworth and the BBC Singers and Symphony Chorus perform Holst (The Perfect Fool, Ballet Music); Malcolm Arnold (Clarinet Concerto No 2 with Michael Collins): Delius (Dance Rhapsody No 2); Lord Berners (The Triumph of Neptune, excerpts): Lambert (The Rio Grande with Kathryn Stott, piano and Della Jones, mezzo) **8.45** Kit and the Widow cast an eye over some of the goings-on in this year's season **9.05** Walton, arr Mathieson (A Shakespeare Suite, Richard III); Vaughan Williams (Songs of Travel, excerpts, with John Tomlinson, bass), Richard Rodney Bennett (Waltz: The Orient Express): Elgar (Pomp and Circumstance March No 1 in D): Henry Wood (Fantasia on British Sea Songs), Arne (Rule, Britannia! with Della Jones); Parry, orch Elgar (Jerusalem)
10.40 Porter's Return: Comparing orchestral life on each side of the Atlantic (r)
10.50 George Russell Orchestra: Russell was composer-in-residence at the 1990 Glasgow Jazz Festival and was commissioned to write a new work for his orchestra. Ian Carr introduces a recording of "An American Trilogy" made at their concert in the Theatre Royal. (r)
12.30-12.35am News

RADIO 4

5.55am Shipping **6.00** News Briefing; Weather **6.10** The Farming Week **6.45** Business News **6.50** Prayer for the Day **6.55** Weather **7.00 Today** incl **7.25, 8.25** Sports News **7.45** Thought for the Day **8.58** Weather
9.00 News
9.05 Sport on 4
9.30 Breakaway. *With Eddie Mair.* David Lodge joins walkers in the Alpujarras Mountains of Spain.
10.00 News; Loose Ends with Ned Sherrin
11.00 News; Talking Politics Peter Kingston with the first of two programmes about the state of local government.
11.30 From Our Own Correspondent
12.00 Money Box. Alison Mitchell with news and advice on personal finance
12.25pm The News Quiz 12.55 Weather
1.00 News
1.10 Any Questions? With John Edmonds, general secretary of the GMB trade union; Dr John Habgood, Archbishop of York; Simon Jenkins, columnist for *The Times*, and Dr Ann Robinson, of the Institute of Directors (r). **1.55** Shipping
2.00 News; Any Answers? Call 071-580 4444 with your *comments on Any Questions?*
2.30 Playhouse: A Cruel Madness by Colin Thubron, from his novel. A nightmare quest begins when Daniel Pashley sees a white-dressed woman in the grounds of a mental hospital. With Robert Glenister, Harriet Walter and Jonathan Adams
3.45 They Don't Still Make That, Do They? Hats as a symbol of British manhood, presented by Ray D'Arcy.
4.00 News; Three Actors in Search of a Character. See Choice.
4.30 Science Friction. The third of six discussions on the impact of scientific research .
5.15 Personal Obsessions. Alex Ross on his passion for the music of Bix Beiderbecke.
5.25 Fourth Column. Simon Hoggart with a satirical look at life
5.50 Shipping **5.55** Weather
6.00 News and Sports Round-up
6.25 The Comedy Network. From the Edinburgh Festival Harry Hill introduces some of the best new comedians (r)
6.50 Ad Lib. Robert Robinson goes to the Royal Geographical Society to talk to five explorers, including Lord Hunt, leader of the 1953 Everest expedition.
7.20 Kaleidoscope See Choice.
7.50 Saturday Night Theatre: *Contraband* by John Fletcher. With John Nettles. Pursuing smugglers down the Ridgeway from Somerset to London, a troop of hussars are drawn into a deadly plot.
9.20 Music in Mind. Presented by Brian Kay.
9.50 Ten to Ten 9.59 Weather
10.00 News
10.15 Iron Maidens. Harry Thompson hits the female muscle trail
10.45 The World of Anthony Trollope. Aspects of 19th century life seen through the eyes of the author (r).
11.00 Richard Baker Compares Notes with Lars Payne and Daryl Griffith, members of the London Salon Ensemble. (r)
11.30 Boogie up the River. Comedy starring Timothy Spall. (r)
12.00 News incl **12.20am** Weather **12.33** Shipping **12.43 (LW only)** As World Service

CHOICE

Three Actors in Search of a Character. *Radio 4, 4.00pm.*
John Florance's interviews with actors who have tackled the same role are demonstrating how foolish it is for anyone to talk about a definitive portrayal. What we really mean is: this is the portrayal that chimes with our conception of it. Most of the actors Florance has met so far have shamed our powers of critical analysis. There is no reason to think that Miranda Richardson, Stephanie Lawrence and Sandra Dickinson will not follow suit this afternoon when they discuss how they approached the role of Marilyn Monroe in the theatre.

There Can Be No Revolution Without Song. *Radio 4, 7.20pm.*
When an arts magazine such as *Kaleidoscope* decides to mark the 20th anniversary of the coup that ended the popular rule of Salvador Allende, it prompts the question: what has this to do with the world of the arts? The answer is implicit in the title of tonight's programme. Theatre and poetry, as well as song, were all important manifestations of Allende's cultural revolution which ended with the election of Pinochet. I did not realise how important, or how hopeful are the signs of a renaissance. **Peter Davalle**

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SATELLITE

SKY ONE
6.00am Car 54, Where Are You? (59237) **6.30** Abbott and Costello (37966) **7.00** Fun Factory (6018430) **11.00** The DJ Kat Show (78701) **12.00** WWF Mania (997492) **1.00pm** Rags to Riches (84701) **2.00** Bewitched (5237) **2.30** Facts of Life (8817) **3.00** Cartoons (41430) **4.00** Dukes of Hazard (40168) **5.00** WWF Superstars (8324) **6.00** Beverly Hills 90210 (26701) **7.00** The Flash (18782) **8.00** Unsolved Mysteries (27430) **9.00** Cops I (98430) **9.30** Xposure (78782) **10.00** WWF Superstars (89782) **11.00-12.00am** Stingray (66966)

SKY NEWS
News on the hour. **6.00am** Sunrise (29508) **9.30** ABC Nightline (83072) **10.30** Fashion TV (52614) **11.30** Week In Review UK (84237) **12.30pm** Environmental Programme (94188) **1.30** The Reporters (93459) **2.30** Travel Destinations (6459) **3.30** 48 Hours (1904) **4.30** Fashion TV (6695) **5.00** Live at Five (6968) **6.30** Week In Review UK (1140) **7.30** Sportsline (7324) **9.30** The Reporters (74324) **10.30** 48 Hours (53343) **11.30** CBS Weekend News (48072) **12.30am** Week In Review UK (33831) **1.30** The Reporters (27980) **2.30** *Financial Times* West of Moscow (96096) **3.30** Travel Destinations (10676) **4.30** Environment Programme (18744) **5.30-6.00am** 48 Hours

SKY MOVIES PLUS
6.00am Showcase (95237)
8.00 Real Life (1979): Albert Brooks's debut feature, about film-makers creating a documentary of everyday American life. (43527)
10.00 The Wonder of It All (1986): The lives of many rare and magnificent animals (90362)
12.00 The Wind and the Lion (1974): The rescue of an American woman kidnapped in Tangiers in 1904. Starring Candice Bergen, Sean Connery and Brian Keith (43380324)
2.05pm Rock-a-Doodle (1991): Fun-filled *mixture of live action and animation* (289237)
4.00 White Hunter, Black Heart (1990): Powerful drama based on Peter Viertel's experiences with John Huston on the set of *The African Queen.* (3256)
6.00 Little Man Tate (1991): Jodie Foster stars as a single mother in a tug-of-war over her genius son. (28169)
8.00 Coupe De Ville (1991): Witty and entertaining road movie (23614)
10.00 Freddy's Dead: The Final Nightmare (1991): The final showdown for the gruesome and fiendish Freddy. (84169)
11.30 Passion's Flower (1990): A newly released prisoner is picked up by a women driving a sports car. And, surprise, surprise, she is his brother's wife. (895546)
1.05am Bethune — The Making of a Hero (1990): A dramatisation of the life of Canadian doctor Norman Bethune, who became a hero of the people of China. With Donald Sutherland, Helen Mirren (56058580)
3.50 The Haunted (1991): Chiller about a family which finds itself threatened by demonic forces invading their home. (8375251) Ends at **5.20am**

SKY MOVIES GOLD
4.00pm Young Billy Young (1969): A vengeful sheriff (Robert Mitchum) becomes a *surrogate father to a young gunman as he* searches for his son's murderers (4546)
6.00 The Strawberry Blond (1941): A charming romantic comedy about a dentist who has misgivings about his marriage. Starring James Cagney, Olivia de Havilland and Rita Hayworth (19458)
8.00 Smashing Time (1967): British comedy about two northern lasses living in London in the 1960s. With Lynn Redgrave and Rita Tushingham (14904)
10.00 The Knack, and How to Get It (1965): Swinging sixties comedy with Michael Crawford, Charlotte Rampling, Jacqueline Bisset, Ray Brooks and Rita Tushingham (65140) Ends at **12.00**

THE MOVIE CHANNEL
6.00am Dracula (1931, b/w): Bela Lugosi stars as the evil count terrorising London in this classic adaptation of Bram Stoker's story. (93879)
8.00 The Dragon that Almost Wasn't (1983): Animated fun as a baby dragon latches onto a big friendly bear (41169)
10.00 Canon City (1948): Jail-break thriller set in a Colorado state prison (98904)
12.00 Hong Kong (1951): Former GI Ronald Reagan is thwarted from stealing a precious idol from an orphan girl. (24492)
2.00pm King Richard and the Crusaders (1954): Historical adventure of the perils facing Richard the Lionheart on the third crusade. Starring Rex Harrison, George Sanders and Virginia Mayo (39275)

4.00 Running Against Time (1990): Time-travel tale about a man who is whisked back to try to stop the Kennedy assassination and the build-up of the Vietnam War. With Robert Hays and Sam Wanamaker (1898)
6.00 The Emperor's New Clothes: Hollywood adaptation of the classic children's tale (19411)
8.00 Deceived (1991): Psychological thriller starring Goldie Hawn as a widow unravelling her husband's secret life. With John Heard (21256)
10.00 Star Wars: Viewers choose their film (dial 0891-500185). **City Slickers** (1991) Starring Billy Crystal **True Identity** (1991) starring Lenny Henry. **The Naked Gun 2 1/2: The Smell of Fear** (1991) starring Leslie Nielsen (72492)
12.00 The Checkered Flag (1991): A romantic triangle jeopardises motor-racing buddies (851473)
1.35am Hidden Agenda (1990) A conspiracy thriller in which an American lawyer is shot in Belfast when he discovers a plot to unseat Harold Wilson. With Frances McDormand, Brad Dourif and Brian Cox (281164)
3.25 Seven Minutes: Tense tale of one man's attempt to assassinate Hitler. Starring Brian Dennehy, Klaus Maria Brandauer and Rebecca Miller (964831) Ends at **5.00am**

SKY SPORTS
7.00am *The Big League: Wigan v Leeds* (696091) **9.30** Sky Soccer Weekend (318701) **10.30** Australian Rules Football (54850) **11.30** Motorsport (35985) **12.00** Jack High Bowls (49237) **1.00pm** Sports Saturday (74750121) **6.00** US Open Tennis — Live (1190091) **12.00-1.30am** Women's Pro Beach Volleyball (43589)

EUROSPORT
7.30am Step Aerobics (23409) **8.00** Motor Sports Report (30817) **9.00** Athletics: IAAF Grand Prix (97411) **10.00** Sailing (27091) **11.00** Boxing Magazine (14527) **12.00** Motor Racing: The Italian Grand Prix (67633) **1.00pm** Athletics: *IAAF Grand Prix* (76879) **3.00** Decathlon (95275) **4.30** Golf: European Open (50275) **6.30** Motor Racing (19904) **7.30** Motorcycling Magazine (8409) **8.00** Equestrian Events (61898) **9.00** Boxing (40817) **10.30** Golf: The European Open (14053) **11.00-1.00am** Figure Skating: The Nebelhorn Trophy (91459)

UK GOLD
7.00am Defenders of the Earth (8600633) **7.30** Adventures of the Galaxy Rangers (8689140) **8.00** The Raccoons (1325072) **8.30** Lassie (1324343) **9.00** Film: Marx Brothers Go West (13691695) **10.20** The All-New Popeye Show (6096121) **10.30** Anne of Avonlea (2699140) **11.30** Josey's Giants (4168017) **12.00** Five Children and It (1335459) **12.30pm** Swallows and Amazons Forever! (2037459) **1.00** Film: Anne of Green Gables (1934, b/w) Starring Anne Shirley and Tom Brown (86974427) **2.15** Bless this House (3170850) **2.45** EastEnders Omnibus (30634594) **5.30** Carrie's War (8904362) **6.00** The Little and Large Show (8901275) **6.30** Just for Laughs (8992527) **7.00** Top of the Pops (3021072) **7.45** In Sickness and in Health (8802430) **8.15** The Perry Mason Mystery (92005256) **10.00** Film: Gigi (1958): Starring Leslie Caron, Maurice Chevalier and Louis Jourdan (1916694) **12.00** Cool It (8412744) **12.30am** Naked Video (8107560) **1.00-2.00** In Concert (1944541)

THE CHILDREN'S CHANNEL
6.00am The Best of Jack in the Box (27188) **7.00** Clay Animation Specials (70782) **7.30** Captain Ric's Cartoon Cosmos (89817) **8.00** Baber (41121) **8.30-12.00pm** Rattan Zoo, incl: (4323527) **8.00** TBA (64072) **9.30** Beakman's World (89256) **10.00** Saved by the Bell (41782) **10.30** Piggsburg Pigs (60256) **11.00** Art Attack and Rude Dog and the Dweebs (74898) **11.30** Radio Detectives (1/26) (76527) **12.00** Captain America (51508) **12.30pm** Ironman (93072) **1.00** Prince Valiant (78053) **1.30** The Dreamstone (1/13) (92343) **2.00** Radio Detectives (1/26) (4169) **2.30** Ghostbusters (4689) **3.00** Nanny and the Professor (6904) **3.30** Round the Bend (5904) **4.00-5.00pm** Electric Stringvest

NICKELODEON
7.00am Eureeka's Castle (22546) **7.30** The World of David the Gnome (23463) **8.00** Wisdom of the Gnomes (30091) **8.30** Janosch's Dreamtour (36862) **9.00** Rabbit Ears We All Have Tales (20614) **9.30** Weinerville (84594) **10.30** Kids Court (26898) **11.00** Wild Side Show (32698) **11.30** Salute Your Shorts (33527) **12.00** Hey Dude (91350) **12.30pm** Welcome Freshmen (51072) **1.30** Fraggle Rock (72053) **2.00** Special Delivery **3.00** Weinerville (37343) **4.00** Out of Control (9140) **4.30** Salute Your Shorts (5324) **5.00** Clarissa Explains It All (9459) **5.30** Hey Dude (9904) **6.00** Kids Court (6817) **6.30-7.00pm** Are You Afraid of the Dark? (7169)

DISCOVERY
4.00pm Animal Traffic: 31 Tigers (7116332) **5.00** Japan: A Proper Place in the World (5255701) **6.00** Twineberg Ohio (8909817) **6.30** The Story of Rock 'n' Roll (8990169) **7.00** Biography: Howard Hughes (3936324) **7.55** Only in Hollywood (1742633) **8.00** Wings: Great Planes - Lockheed Constellation (3713256) **9.00** Spies (7411164) **9.30** American Caesar: Sunset Gun (2015237) **10.00** Genetic Fingerprinting (1327430) *10.30 A Failed Recluse: The Life Of Arthur* C. Clarke (1303850) **11.00** Beyond 2000 (8898879) **11.50-12.00** Anne Martin's Postcards: Denmark (8591633)

BRAVO
12.00 South Riding (2034362) **1.00pm** The Doris Day Show (8694072) **1.30** The Mothers-in-Law (2021898) **2.00** The Smothers Brothers Show (5249140) **2.30** Yancy Derringer (8995614) **3.00** The Bill Cosby Show (5268275) **3.30** The Invisible Man **4.00** Film: The Big Parade Of Comedy (1964, b/w): Compilation of classic comic moments (64029614) **5.45** Torchy, The Battery Boy (3773169) **6.00** Film: High Society (1956): Frank Sinatra, Grace Kelly and Bing Crosby (3709053) **8.00** Film: Never So Few (1959) Frank Sinatra, Peter Lawford and Gina Lollobrigida (40689968) **10.10-12.00** Film: 7 Faces of Dr Lao (1964): with Tony Randall (3803695)

UK LIVING
7.00am Living Daylights (8059698) **8.00** Fame, Fortune and Romance (1190850) **8.30** Living Daylights (1199121) **9.00** The Full Treatment (1113701) **9.30** On the House (7743850) **10.00** Anne and Nick (7763614) **12.00** *Practical Living* (1100237) **12.30pm** Kilroy (7754966) **1.00** Crosswits (4790614) **1.30** Infatuation (7753237) **2.00** Delia Smith's Cookery Course (7581508) **2.30** Divorce Court (5678184) **3.00** Film: Break-fast in Paris (1982): with Barbara Parkins and Rod Mullinar (4291904) **4.30** Fame, Fortune and Romance (9078940) **6.00** Living Extra (1114430) **7.00** Fighting Back (7585324) **7.30** The Young and the Restless (8203679) **10.30** Film: I Don't Buy Kisses Anymore (5178237) **12.30-1.00am** You're on the Air with Dr Ruth (1803299)

FAMILY CHANNEL
5.00pm *Zorro (8121)* **5.30** *Black Stallion* (4275) **6.00** African Skies (1188) **6.30** Bordertown (5140) **7.00** Snowy River: The McGregor Saga (68594) **8.00** Film: Critical List 1, starring Lloyd Bridges (87850) **10.00** Film: Poison Ivy starring Michael J. Fox (37053) **11.00** Beverly Hills Buntz **11.30** Phyllis (47968) **12.00-1.00am** Lou Grant (29164)

MTV
7.00am MTV Goes Deutsch Weekend (489169) **10.00** The Big Picture (43140) **10.30** Yo! MTV Raps (36817) **12.30pm** First Look (95430) **1.00** MTV Goes Deutsch Weekend (342463) **4.00** Dance with Simone (67508) **5.00** The Big Picture (7879) **5.30** News (6633) **6.00** European Top 20 (17091) **8.00** Saturday Night Live Vintage (8091) **8.30** Dennis Leary Unplugged (5898) **9.00** The Soul of MTV (68576) **10.00** First Look (54695) **10.30** MTV Goes Deutsch Weekend (433324) **1.00am** Marijne (76367) **2.00-7.00am** Night Videos (3807588)

TV ASIA
6.00am Asian Morning (1966332) **9.30** Serial: Bharat Ek Khoj (32140) **10.30** Sports Asia (57782) **11.00** Kiddie Time (85091) **12.00** Hindi, Urdu & English News Bulletins (71362) **12.30pm** Serial: Hanstey Bastay (97898) **1.00** Hindi Film: Khel starring Anil Kapoor, Madhuri Dixit and Anupam Kher (189461) **4.00** Close (987241) **7.00** Bombay Calling (58324) **8.00** English News Bulletin (831121) **8.15** Serial: Fishaer (344237) **9.00** Hindi Film: Shreemaan Aashique starring Rishi Kapoor, Urmila and Anupam Kher (564053) **12.05** Sun-N Live (6568812) **1.00** Hindi Film: Devtaa with Sanjeev Kumar, Shabana Azami (2229744) **4.00** Serial: Dekhi (95947) **5.00** Serial: Dekh Bhai Dekh (73522) **5.30-6.00am** Music

CNN
Twenty-four hour news programmes

CMT
Country music from midnight to 4.00pm

BBC1

7.00 Ceefax (23367)
7.30 Animal World. The fauna of the Antarctic (r) (s) (7933027) **7.40 Pigeon Street.** Animation (r) (4775693) **7.55 Playdays** (r) (s) (8814164)
8.15 Breakfast with Frost (936909)
9.15 Faith to Faith. An inter-faith celebration from Manchester (s) (2260454) **9.30 This Is the Day.** The series on the influence of saints and scholars continues with the story of Mother Julian of Norwich, a 14th-century hermit (s) (26893)
10.00 See Hear! The second of three chat shows from the Silent Network in Texas (s) (92909)
10.30 Film: The Gypsy and the Gentlemen (1958) starring Melina Mercouri and Keith Mitchell. A Regency rake meets his match in a scheming gypsy. Directed by Joseph Losey (75959788)
12.15 To Latvia With Love. Exiles return to their country for the first time in nearly half a century (r) (8973270)
12.30 CountryFile (s) (2972251). **Wales:** Down to Earth **12.55 Weather** (29731928)
1.00 News (74445893) **1.05 Cartoon.** *Boy and the Wolf* (77843096) **1.15 Harry and the Hendersons.** American comedy series. (Ceefax) (60235251)
1.35 Steven Spielberg's Amazing Stories: One for the Books. An elderly college janitor suddenly speaks fluent French. (Ceefax) (s) (68350947)
2.00 EastEnders (r). (Ceefax) (s) (93638)
3.00 Film: Scaramouche (1952). Swashbuckling yarn, being shown in tribute to the late Stewart Granger. Directed by George Sidney (58175893)
4.50 If The Worst Happens. Gavin Campbell with advice on treating a child who may have swallowed poison. (Ceefax) (s) (5465560)
5.00 Biteback. Sue Lawley chairs a studio discussion on BBC2's *All Black*, the current affairs programme about the black community. (Ceefax) (6120657)
5.40 Nanny Knows Best. The first of a new series of advice on parental problems by 71-year-old Nanny Smith, a professional nanny for more than half a century. (Ceefax) (s) (313270)
6.10 News with Moira Stuart. (Ceefax) Weather (602164)

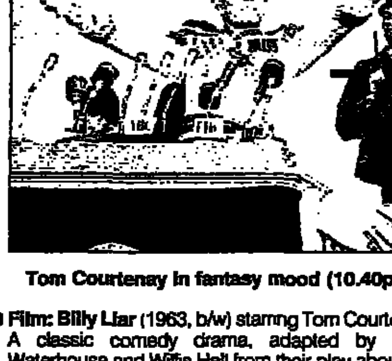


Sing along with Titchmarsh, Rhodes (6.25pm)

6.25 Songs of Praise from Sheffield, with Alan Titchmarsh and Pam Rhodes (946909)
7.00 Keeping Up Appearances. Hilda's plans to buy a small country retreat go awry. (Ceefax) (s) (6522)
7.30 Lovejoy. The dodgy antiques dealer is ready to make a commitment to Lady Jane. But has someone got there before him? (Ceefax) (s) (972744)
8.20 Birds Of A Feather. The Chigwell charmers move in next door when an explosion wrecks their kitchen. (Ceefax) (s) (698676)
8.50 News with Moira Stuart. (Ceefax) Weather (454454)
9.05 Screen One: A Foreign Field. (Ceefax) See Choice (8738183)
10.35 Everyman. An exploration of the beguiling music of Evensong (r). (Ceefax) (302744). **Wales:** The Kane Programme
11.15 Film: Case of Deadly Force (1986) starring Richard Crenna and John Shea. Courtroom drama about the undercover police shooting of an innocent black Boston man. Directed by Michael Miller. (Ceefax) (880676). **Wales:** Everyman 11.55-1.25 Film: Case of Deadly Force
12.45am Weather (5167597)

BBC2

6.40 Open University (33657676)
9.10 System 93 *Children's game show run by a* computer character (1120034) **9.35 Teenage Mutant Hero Turtles** (r) (2292270)
9.55 Jonny Briggs. Children's drama serial (r) (3709589) **10.10 Rugrats.** Cartoon adventures of babies who live in a carpet pile (s) (5625386) **10.35 Grange Hill.** Children's secondary school drama serial (r) (3440251)
10.55 F.O.T. False or true game show (s) (3451367) **11.20 Futurecooks.** The third heat, from Glasgow, of the young cooks' competition (s) (7036812) **11.45 The O-Zone.** Pop music magazine (s) (8871034)
12.00 Sunday Grandstand introduced by Ray Stubbs. The line-up is (subject to alteration): **12.05** Yachting. the final round of the Ultra 30 Series from Torquay (9161170); **12.30** (9432034) and **3.30** (3685164) Equestrianism: highlights of the cross-country section of the European championship in Achselschwang, Germany, **1.20** Athletics. the Standard Life Princes Street Mile from Edinburgh (60254386); **1.45** Motor Racing: the Italian grand prix from Monza (47934541); **4.10** Golf. the final round of the GA European Open from the East Sussex National course, Uckfield (50649763); **6.10** Cricket: a round up of the day's scores (949096). **Wales:** 12.05-1.45 and 3.30-5.30 Cricket: Glamorgan v Essex
6.45 A Passion For Angling. Chris Yates and Bob James fish for carp at the legendary Redmire pool. (Ceefax) (s) (843473)
7.40 Nature by Design: Living in a Material World. The second of a six-part series comparing nature's designs with those of man. (Ceefax) (827831)
8.10 Hollywood UK: British Cinema in the 1960s — Making it in London. Includes clips from *A Hard Day's Night, The Knack, Darling* and *Poor Cow.* With contributions from, among others, Vanessa Redgrave, Julie Christie, Michael Caine, Terence Stamp and Ken Loach (Ceefax) (382396)
9.10 Q Milligan. The second of five compilations from Spike Milligan's 1960s series *Q* (542102)
9.40 Grand Prix. Highlights from Monza of this afternoon's Italian grand prix (311454)
10.10 World Chess Championships. Peter Snow with a round-up of the week's games in the rival world championship matches in London and Zwolle, The Netherlands (959763)



Tom Courtenay in fantasy mood (10.40pm)

10.40 Film: Billy Liar (1963, b/w) starring Tom Courtenay. A classic comedy drama, adapted by Keith Waterhouse and Willis Hall from their play about the exploits of an undertaker's assistant who lives in a fantasy world. With Julie Christie. Directed by John Schlesinger. (Ceefax) (51135657). Ends **12.20am**

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CHOICE



Old soldiers McKern and Guinness (BBC1, 9.05pm)

Screen One: A Foreign Field
BBC1, 9.05pm

Roy Clarke of *Last of the Summer Wine* has penned this funny-sad tale of British and American war veterans returning to Normandy to stir memories of the D-Day landings nearly 50 years ago. It is a gentle and nostalgic piece, beautifully written and impeccably acted by a formidable cast. Leo McKern and Alec Guinness play the Brits, with John Randolph as the American. Jeanne Moreau is an old wartime flame, Lauren Bacall a mysterious widow. Clarke charts a story of Anglo-American hostility, that gradually dissolves into friendship, and of surprising revelation. The most remarkable performance comes from Guinness as the old soldier whose war wounds have left him childlike and virtually without speech.

Liberators
Channel 4, 11.15pm

The long but pointed sub-title of this eye-opening documentary is "fighting on two fronts in the second world war". The subject is blacks, or, as the film prefers, African-Americans, in the armed forces. Their two-pronged fight was against racism at home and the even greater racism of Hitler's Germany. Black soldiers, ironically, helped to liberate the concentration camps of Buchenwald and Dachau. Yet until late in the war, black soldiers were reluctantly recruited, rigidly segregated and considered unsuitable for combat. The film charts the history of the 761st Tank Batallion, a black armoured unit which became a distinguished part of General Patton's army during the closing year of the conflict.

The South Bank Show: Sydney Pollack
ITV, 10.30pm

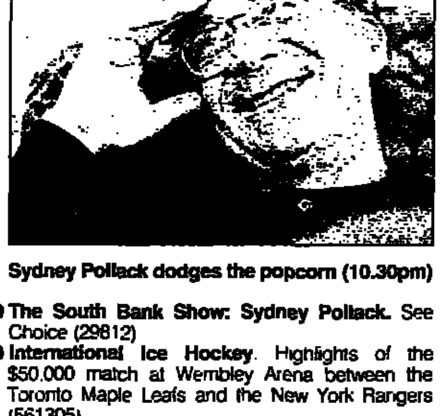
For nearly 30 years Sydney Pollack has been directing well-crafted Hollywood films, notable for their narrative drive and strong performances. The best-known Pollack movie is probably *Out of Africa*, handsome, rather tedious and showered with Oscars. The arrival of his latest picture, *The Firm*, is the cue for an approving profile in which Pollack chats to Melvyn Bragg. Pollack describes his job as trying to be intelligent in a popcorn industry. Robert Redford, who has been in seven Pollack films, reckons he has succeeded. Pollack returns the compliment, praising Redford for his "terrific intelligence". Not to be outdone, Woody Allen turns up to praise Pollack the actor. It is bouquets all the way.

Equinox: Your Flight in Their Hands
Channel 4, 7.00pm

Half a million air passengers are flying above the earth at any one time and the figure is likely to double in the next 20 years. The challenge will be to ensure that aircraft do not collide in these increasingly congested skies. This film looks at how the latest technology may help. It is partly an account of present air traffic control systems and partly a peep into the future. The prospect is that computers will increasingly take over from humans. They could replace not only traffic controllers but pilots as well. A jumbo jet will be able to cross the Atlantic without a human in the cockpit. Whether air travellers will be happy with this is another matter. **Peter Waymark**

ITV LONDON

6.00 GMTV (4856396)
9.25 The Disney Club Richard Orford and Paul Hendy are joined by *Gladiators* Jet and Scorpio (8853096)
10.15 Link. Peter White talks to Professor Michael Oliver and Dave Barrett about a scheme that claims will help paralysed people to walk. (Teletext) (7006589)
10.30 Sunday Morning Religious magazine series presented by Richard Bath and Kay Avila. The guest is Bryan Mosley from the cast of *Coronation Street* (22589) *Includes, at* **11.00, Morning Worship** from Wesley Methodist Church, Cambridge (46218) **12.00 Sunday Morning** continued (32611)
12.30 Crosstalk. Politics in the South East, introduced by Peter Allen (55305)
1.00 News with Carol Barnes. Weather (77839893)
1.10 The Judy Finnigan Debate. The second of three programmes in which the *Good Morning* presenter chairs a studio discussion on political and moral questions (7945638)
2.00 Cobblestones, Cottages and Castles David Young concludes his tour of the West Country with visits to the areas finest but little-known country houses (Teletext) (5742)
2.30 The Sunday Match. Live coverage of the game at Selhurst Park between Crystal Palace and Sunderland. The commentator is John Helm. Plus highlights of the Midland derby between Leicester and Birmingham (s) (620034)
5.00 Murder, She Wrote: The Perfect Foil. Jessica is fortuitously in New Orleans when a distant cousin is accused of the murder of a man to whom he was in debt. Starring Angela Lansbury (7779)
6.00 London Tonight with Anna Maria Ash. (Teletext) Weather (369947)
6.20 News with Carol Barnes. Weather (882706)
6.30 Film: Fire! Trapped On the 37th Floor (1991) starring Lee Majors and Lisa Hartman. Disaster movie, based on fact, about a fire in May 1988 at Los Angeles's 62-storey First Interstate Building in which two workers were stranded on the 37th floor. Directed by Robert Day (62194893)
8.15 Sinatra The first of a two-part, sanitised account of the life and career of Frank Sinatra. Starring Philip Casnoff in the title role. Concludes tomorrow night at 8.00 (Teletext) (s) (853134)
10.15 News with Carol Barnes. Weather (825367)

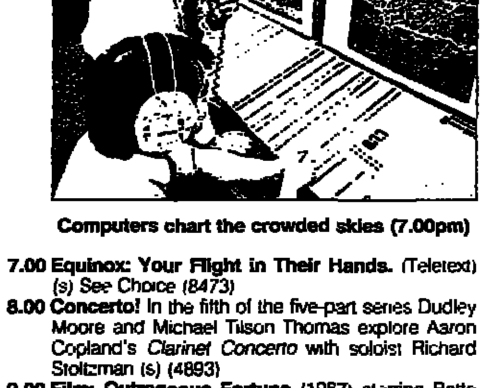


Sydney Pollack dodges the popcorn (10.30pm)

10.30 The South Bank Show: Sydney Pollack. See Choice (29812)
11.30 International Ice Hockey. Highlights of the $50,000 match at Wembley Arena between the Toronto Maple Leafs and the New York Rangers (561305)
12.35am Cue the Music. That Petrol Emotion in concert (1665868)
1.35 Derrick. German police drama series (3738787)
2.45 Pro-Box Classics A profile of boxer Herbie Hide (507042)
3.45 Film: Moon of the Wolf (1972) starring David Janssen. Horror movie in which the sheriff of a small Louisiana town has trouble in convincing his citizens that there is a werewolf on the prowl. Directed by Daniel Petrie (8604868)
5.00 Crusade In the Pacific. The battle for New Guinea during the second world war (18787)
5.30 ITN Morning News (34110). Ends at **6.00**

CHANNEL 4

6.00 Trans World Sport. International sports news (r) (9696034) **6.55 Wowser** Canine cartoon series (4570980) **7.05 The Wombles** (r) (8817218) **7.15 Widget.** Animated adventures of a creature from outer space (4300102) **7.40 The California Raisin Show** (r) (3890386)
8.05 Jayce and the Wheeled Warriors (r) (9917657) **8.30 The Adventures Of T-Rex** Animated dinosaur escapades (32657)
9.00 Saved By the Bell American high school comedy drama series (1191522) **9.25 Dennis** Adventures of a mischievous boy and his friends (r) (4902218)
9.45 Flipper. The friendly dolphin comes to the rescue once again (702744)
10.15 Owl TV Wildlife series presented by Michaela Strachan. Includes news of a walking rainforest (Teletext) (794725) **10.45 Land of the Giants.** Science fiction adventures (r) (931454)
11.45 Little House On the Prairie Drama series about a close-knit Kansas Plains family during the Depression. Starring Michael Landon (937638)
12.45 Film: Calamity Jane (1953) starring Doris Day and Howard Keel. Energetic musical about the celebrated sharp-shooting cowgirl and her boyfriend Wild Bill Hickok. Directed by David Butler. (Teletext) (29088676)
2.35 Good Morning Animation (5102909)
2.45 Football Italia Live coverage of Foggia v Juventus, introduced by James Richardson (42543562)
5.00 News summary and weather (7768522)
5.05 The Times World Chess Championship A review of the situation after game three of the 24-match series between Garry Kasparov and Nigel Short at the Savoy Theatre, London (9250367)
6.00 The Real World American fly-on-the-wall documentary series about a group of young people sharing a New York apartment (s) (589)
6.30 The Cosby Show. American domestic comedy series (Teletext) (s) (541)



Computers chart the crowded skies (7.00pm)

7.00 Equinox: Your Flight in Their Hands. (Teletext) (s) See Choice (8473)
8.00 Concerto! In the fifth of the five-part series Dudley Moore and Michael Tilson Thomas explore Aaron Copland's *Clarinet Concerto* with soloist Richard Stoltzman (s) (4893)
9.00 Film: Outrageous Fortune (1987) starring Bette Midler, Shelley Long and Peter Coyote. Comedy about two drama students who both fall for their teacher. When they discover that he has been two-timing them the two join forces to hunt him down. Directed by Arthur Hiller. (Teletext) (s) (86281724)
10.55 Arc de Triomphe Trials. Brough Scott introduces coverage of the final preparations of some of the participants in the race that is the climax to the flat racing season to be run in Paris in three weeks' time (984251)
11.15 Liberators: Fighting On Two Fronts in World War Two See Choice (342893)
12.50am Film: The Bee Keeper (1986) starring Marcello Mastroianni. A *World Cinema* drama from Greece about the painful course of self-discovery taken by a disillusioned, middle-aged teacher whose only pleasure is tending his beehives. Directed by Thodorus Angelopolous. English subtitles (44306961) Ends at **3.05**

RADIO 1

FM Stereo and MW. **4.00am** Neale James **7.00** Gary Davies **10.00** Nicky Campbell **1.00pm** Number Ones on 1FM **2.30** Rockline with Neale James *4.00 The Official UK Top 40* **7.00** The Official 1FM Album Chart **8.00** Anne Nightingale's Request Show **10.00** Gary Davies (**FM** only from 12.00) **1.00-4.00am** Claire Sturgess

RADIO 2

FM Stereo. **4.00am** Barbara Sturgeon with the Sunday Show **7.00am** Don Maclean **9.05** John Sachs **10.30** Hayes on Sunday **12.00pm** Desmond Carrington **2.00** Benny Green **3.00** Alan Dell **4.00** Rosemarie Ford **4.30** Sing Something Simple **5.00** Charlie Chester **7.00** Nights at the Ballet **8.30** Sunday Half Hour **9.00** Alan Keith **10.00** Radio 2 Arts Programme **12.05am** Adrian Finighan **3.00-5.00** Alex Lester

RADIO 5

News and sport on the hour until 7.00pm. **6.00am** World Service **6.30** Weekend Edition **9.30** The Silver Sword: Ian Serraillier's wartime story in two parts **10.00** Johnnie Walker **11.30** Fantasy Football League **12.40pm** Open Forum **1.00** Sunday Sport **7.20** *Open University: See Choice* **10.10-12.00** Accross the Line

WORLD SERVICE

All times in BST. **4.30am** BBC English **4.45** News and Press Review in German **5.00** Sunday Feature: Tips für Touristen **5.30** Short Story: Remember Winter **5.45** Points of the Compass **6.00** Newshour **7.00** News **7.10** News About Britain **7.15** Letter from America **7.30** Jazz for the Asking **8.00** Newsdesk **8.30** From Our Own Correspondent **8.50** Write On **9.00** News **9.10** Words of Faith **9.15** Ray on Record **10.00** News **10.05** World Business Review **10.15** Short Story: Remember Winter? **10.30** Folk Routes **10.45** Sports Roundup **11.00** News **11.01** Science in Action **11.30** BBC English **11.45** News and Press Review in German **Noon** Newsdesk **12.30pm** The John Dunn Show **1.00** News **1.01** Play of the Week: Albert's Bridge **2.00** Newshour **3.00** News **3.01** The Fight Against Aids **4.00** News **4.15** BBC English **4.30** News and Features in German **5.00** News **5.10** News About Britain **5.15** From Hoplite to Harrier: A *Radio History of Warfare* **5.45** Letter from America **6.00** BBC English **6.30** News and Features in German **8.00** Music Inside Out **8.30** Europe Today **9.00** News **9.10** Words of Faith **9.15** Folk Routes **9.30** Let's Do the Show Right Here **10.00** Newshour **11.00** News **11.10** News About Britain **11.15** Short Story: Remember Winter? **11.30** Letter from America **11.45** Sports Roundup **Midnight** News **12.05am** World Business Review **12.15** Ray on Record **1.00** Newsdesk **1.30** In Praise of God **2.00** News **2.01** The Record Producers **2.45** The Cello on Record **3.00** Newsdesk **3.30** Composer of the Month. Anton Bruckner **4.00** News **4.10** News About Britain **4.15** Sports Roundup

CLASSIC FM

6.00am Sarah Lucas **9.00** Classic Romance **12.00pm** Celebrity Choice **3.00** Concerto! Dudley Moore explores Copland's Clarinet Concerto with Richard Stolzman, the LSO and Michael Tilson Thomas **4.00** Robert Booth **7.00** Authentic Performance **8.00** FM Concert: Sacred music including Mozart's Great Mass in C minor. Performed by Monteverdi Choir and English Baroque Soloists under John Eliot Gardiner. With Sylvia McNair and Diana Montague (sopranos), Anthony Rolfe Johnson (tenor) and Cornelius Hauptmann (bass) **10.00** Contemporary Classics **12.00-6.00am** André Leon

VIRGIN 1215

6.00am Graham Dene **10.00** Paul Coyte **2.00pm** Emperor Rosko **4.00** The Album Chart **8.00** Wendy Lloyd **10.00** Tommy Rivers **2.00-6.00am** Sandy Beech

VARIATIONS

ANGLIA

As London except: 12.30pm-12.55 Countrywide (2907947) **2.00** Nigel Mansell's IndyCar '93 (5742) **2.30** Film: Funny Lady (620034) **5.00** Bullseye (1454) **5.30** Heirloom (314) **6.00-6.20** Anglia News On Sunday (369947) **11.30** Beyond Reality (16589) **12.00am** Secret Of The Sahara (36139) **1.00** Quiz Night (53394) **1.30** Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (70503) **2.00** Film: These Three (942955) **3.40** Entertainment U.K. (8060874) **4.40** America's Top 10 (82751503) **5.05-5.30** Jobfinder (4227042)

CENTRAL

As London except: 12.30pm Take 15 (63608134) **12.45-12.55** Central Newsweek307657) **2.00** 1st Night (88129724) **2.25** The Mountain Bike Show (18584791) **2.50** The Central Match - Live (41193021) **5.05** Bullseye (2186473) **5.35** Life Goes On (320812) **6.15-6.20** Central News (632003) **11.30** Prisoner: Cell Block H (817386) **12.25am** Reap The Whirlwind (4461110) **1.20** Riviera (2910329) **2.15** The ITV Chart Show (508771) **3.15** Cue The Music (504955) **4.15** Central Jobfinder (7907855) **5.20-5.30** Asian Eye (1335110)

HTV WEST

As London except: 12.35-1.00 HTV Newsweek (2906218) **2.00** Beats Per Minute (5742) **2.30** The West Match (26386) **3.30** Championship Rugby (2368541) **4.25** Film: Who Is The Black Dahlia? (53290522) **11.30** Wanted, Dead Or Alive (16589) **12.00am** Secret Of The Sahara (36139) **1.00** Quiz Night (53394) **1.30** Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (70503) **2.00** Film: These Three (942955) **3.40** Entertainment U.K. (8060874) **4.40** America's Top 10 (82751503) **5.05-5.30** Jobfinder (4227042)

HTV WALES

As HTV WEST except: 12.35-1.00 Playback (2906218) **2.00** An Invitation To Remember (5742) **2.30** Murder, She Wrote (26386) **3.30-4.25** Highway To Heaven

MERIDIAN

As London except: 12.30pm 7 Days (7815164) **12.50-1.00** Meridian News & Weather (89397270) **2.00** Film: The Great Race (96991299) **4.45** Dinosaurs (681812) **5.15** The $64,000 Question (688725) **5.45** Champions (687096) **11.30** Serve You Right (16589) **12.00am** Secret Of The Sahara (36139) **1.00** The ITV Chart Show (49752) **2.00** The Art Of Landscape (61416) **2.30** Film: An Eye For An Eye (17936) **4.30** The *Entertainers (47787)* **5.00-5.30** Freescreen

TYNE TEES

As London except: 12.25pm Lives In Focus (5666760) **12.50-1.00** Tyne Tees Newsweek (69397270) **2.00** Life Goes On (3914676) **2.55** The Tyne Tees Match (28339454) **5.20** The $64,000 Question (2602725) **5.50-6.20** Tyne Tees Weekend (699102) **11.30** The Trials Of Rosie O'Neill (817386) **12.25am** Quiz Night (6635348) **12.55** The Beat (1751619) **1.55** Zara Dhyan Dem (4752226) **2.00** Film: Khoon Bhari Maang (41050481) **4.45-5.30** Jobfinder

ULSTER

As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 Gardening Time (2907947) **2.10** Highway To Heaven (3903580) **3.05** Brand New Life (6739638) **4.00** The $64,000 Question (270) **4.30-6.10** Murder, She Wrote (40500299) **11.30** Love At First Sight (16589) **12.00am** Secret Of The Sahara (36139) **1.00** Quiz Night (53394) **1.30** Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (70503) **2.00** Film: These Three (Miriam Hopkins, Merle Oberon, Joel McCrea) (942955) **3.40** Entertainment UK. (8060874) **4.40** America's Top 10 (82751503) **5.05-5.30** Jobfinder (4227042)

WESTCOUNTRY

As London except: 12.30pm Westcountry Update (2907947) **2.00** Life Goes On (11034) **3.00** Film: The Looters (92196305) **4.45** The Champions (681812) **5.15** Highway To Heaven (833473) **11.30** Love At First Sight (16589) **12.00** Secret Of The Sahara (36139) **1.00** Quiz Night (53394) **1.30** Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (70503) **2.00** Film: These Three (942955) **3.40** Entertainment U.K. (8060874) **4.40** America's Top 10 (82751503) **5.05-5.30** Jobfinder (4227042)

YORKSHIRE

As London except: 12.25pm-12.50 The Littlest Hobo (5656760) **2.00** Life Goes On (3914676) **2.55** Film: Will Penny (34152164) **4.50** Dinosaurs (1553980) **5.20** The $64,000 Question (2602725) **5.50-6.20** Calendar (699102) **11.30** The Trials Of Rosie O'Neill (817386) **12.25am** Quiz Night (6635348) **12.55** The Beat (1751619) **2.00** Film: Khoon Bhari Maang (41050481) **4.45-5.30** Jobfinder (3934954)

S4C

Starts: 7.05am The Wombles (8817218) **7.15** Widget (4300102) **7.40** The California Raisin Show (3890386) **8.05** Jayce And The Wheeled Warriors (9917657) **8.30** The Adventures Of T-Rex (32657) **9.00** Saved By The Bell (24947) **9.30** Dennis (3775522) **9.45** Flipper (702744) **10.15** Owl TV (794725) **10.45** Land Of The Giants (931454) **11.45** Little House On The Prairie (937638) **12.45pm** Mork And Mindy (963025) **1.15** Evening Shade (255198) **1.45** Equinox (207909) **2.45** Football Italia (42543562) **5.00** American Football (2699251) **5.25** Dancing Into The Nineties (1250947) **6.15** Dinosaur Footprints (822367) **7.15** Hapus Dyrfa (699831) **7.45** Hel Straeon (698102) **8.15** Newyddion (654367) **8.20** Seith Dwrnod Ar Y Sul (398299) **8.35** World Chess Championship (767305) **9.05** Witness (862980) **10.05** LA Law (160560) **11.00** Atlantic Records. Hip To The Tip (473102)

RADIO 3

6.35am Open University: Europe and a Changing World: States of Mind.
6.55 Weather
7.00 The Phoenix and the Oracle: Last of four programmes of music by Byrd, Monteverdi *and their contemporaries.* Byrd (Browning a 5; The Second Pavan and Galliard); Robinson (The Spanish Pavan); Holborne (The Night Watch; Almaine)
9.00 News
9.05 Brian Kay's Sunday Morning: Weber (Overture: Der Freischütz); Trad (Bushes *and Briars); Butterworth (Two* English Idylls); C.P.E. Bach (Symphony in B minor, Wq182 No 5); Harris (Faire is the Heaven); Britten (Matinées Musicales); Purcell (Dido and Aeneas, excerpts); Smetana (Two Czech Dances: Sousedska; Skocna); Berlioz (Queen Mab Scherzo, Romeo and Juliet); Alessandro Scarlatti (Siciliano, Cantata Pastorale); Mendelssohn (Violin Concerto in E minor); Harris (Bring Us, O Lord God); Schubert (Scherzo, Octet, D803); Domenico Scarlatti (Sonatas in E, Kk531 in A, Kk322); Glière (Suite: The Red Poppy)
12.00 Vintage Years: The Woodwind of Paris. The flautist Paul Taffanel and the oboist Georges Gillet created the French woodwind style through their teaching at the Paris Conservatoire. Robert Philip presents recordings of some of their pupils (r)
1.00pm News
1.05 Poetry in Action: Sit and Eat. The theme of feast and famine prompts readings from *The Banquet, The Kwashiorkor Babies* and other works. (5/5)
1.20 The Sunday Concert: Beethoven (Symphony No 6 in F, Pastoral; Symphony No 5 in C minor)
2.50 Shostakovich: the String Quartets. The Borodin Quartet performs String Quartets, No 6 in G, Op 101; No 7 in F sharp minor, Op 108 and String Quartet No 8 in C minor, Op 110 (r) (5/7)
4.00 BBC Scottish Symphony Orchestra Howard Williams conducts a performance of Geoffrey King (Man Dancing); Britten (Nocturne) and Tippett (Symphony No 2). With Neil Mackie, tenor
5.30 Daniel Barenboim: The pianist performs late Schubert *(Four Impromptus, D935;* Piano Sonata in B flat, D960)
6.45 Uroboros Ensemble: Roussel (Serenade, Op 30); Julian Dale (Concerto for flute, violin, viola, cello and harp); J C. Bach, arr Watkins (Sinfonia Concertante in G for harp and string trio) (r)
7.30 A Tribute to Sir Geraint: A gala concert of operatic *highlights* from St David's Hall, Cardiff, in aid of the Sir Geraint Evans Scholarship Fund in memory of the great Welsh baritone who died last year. Performed by members of the Welsh National Opera Chorus and the BBC National Orchestra of Wales under John Pryce-Jones
9.50 Sunday Play: Playland. See Choice
11.30 French Motets: BBC Singers under Nicholas Cleobury perform Duruflé (Motets sur des themes gregoriens, Op 10); Poulenc (Laudes de Saint Antoine de Padoue); Migot (Le petit evangelaire); Poulenc (Salve regina; Ave verum corpus; Exultate Deo) (r)
12.30-12.35am News

RADIO 4

5.55am Shipping **6.00** News; Weather **6.10** Prelude **6.30** Morning Has Broken **6.55** Weather **7.00** News **7.10** Sunday Papers **7.15** The Living World **7.40** Sunday **7.55** Weather **8.00** News **8.10** *Sunday Papers* **8.50** *Michael* Buerk with The Week's Good Cause **8.55** Weather
9.00 News
9.10 Sunday Papers
9.15 Letter from America, by Alistair Cooke
9.30 Morning Service. from Trinity Methodist and United Reformed Church, Porthcawl
10.15 The Archers: *Omnibus*
11.15 News Stand, with Hugh Prysor-Jones
11.30 Pick of the Week, with Chris Serle (r)
12.15pm Desert Island Discs: The first castaway of the new series is writer Isabel Allende (r) **12.55** Weather
1.00 The World This Weekend, with Nick Clarke **1.55** Shipping
2.00 Gardeners' Question Time: This week the team visits Nottinghamshire. Chairman Dr Stefan Buczacki
2.30 Classic Serial: Tono-Bungay, by H.G. Wells. Final part. With Neil Dudgeon and James Laurenson
3.30 Tolstoy — At War and Peace. Compiled by Michael Bakewell from the writer's letters, diaries, the words of family and friends and the characters in his books. With Norman Rodway and Anna Massey (5/7) (r)
4.00 News; The Gift Horses: What's In It For Us? John Skinne investigates the charity business (r)
4.47 Golden Oldies: Les Woodland meets Eli Frankham, the King of the Gipsies
5.00 News; Took's Tour. Gleneagles. Barry Took visits the former railway hotel turned sporting village (r)
5.30 Poetry Please! Simon Rae talks to poet Michele Roberts **5.50** Shipping **5.55** Weather
6.00 Six O'Clock News
6.15 Feedback. with Chris Dunkley
6.30 New Europeans: Brussels David Lodge follows the life of Louise Michel in the Moroccan and Turkish quarter of Brussels (2/6) (r)
7.00 In Business: *Peter Day asks if* Britain's idea of training is merely keeping the unemployment queues down (r)
7.30 A Good Read: Edward Blishen and his guests Piers Plowright and Amanda Theunissen select three paperbacks (r)
8.00 Rites of Passage: Always Facing Mecca. Bel Mooney joins the Muslim community in Bradford to discover how they bury their dead
8.30 The Changing Room: Aisling Foster talks to women about their continual struggle to change their bodies
9.00 The Natural History Programme (r)
9.30 Special Assignment (r) **9.59** Weather
10.00 News
10.15 Science Friction: Professor John Durant examines the impact of scientific research on our lives (r)
11.00 Out of Order. Jocular political quiz (r)
11.30 Seeds of Faith: The final programme in which Professor David Maclellan looks at the life and work of the French mystic Simone Weil
12.00 News incl **12.27am** approx Weather **12.33** Shipping
12.43 *(LW only)* **As BBC World Service 5.55** Shipping

CHOICE

Sunday Play: Playland. *Radio 3, 9.50pm.*

Athol Fugard's new play consists of a series of confrontations between a black African fairground nightwatchman (Alton Kumalo) and a white South African ex-soldier (Andrew Sachs). Their only common ground is red with the blood they have shed. In microcosm, it is the South African racial violence tragedy. Fugard's past plays have not been optimistic. *Playland* offers a glimmer of hope of black-white reconciliation, and Fugard touches on this in an introductory interview with Christopher Venning, director of this blistering play.

Generals of the Revolution. *Radio 5, 7.20pm.*

I have already recommended Cameron Balbirnie's series about pioneering engineers. Though aimed primarily at Open University students, they make complex matters comprehensible, and fascinating, even to non-scientific minds like mine. Today's episode is about a man of many parts (my weak pun, not Balbirnie's). Henry Maudslay revolutionised both workshop practice and the *manufacture of machine tools that made the mass production of* precision parts possible. **Peter Davalle**

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SATELLITE

SKY ONE

6.00am Hour of Power (46305) **7.00** Fun Factory (8245102) **11.00** The DJ Kat Show (53522) **12.00** *WWF Challenge (81744)* **1.00pm** Battlestar Gallactica (67164) **2.00** Crazy Like A Fox (35638) **3.00** WKRP in Cincinnati (6541) **3.30** Fashion TV (6251) **4.00** UK Top 40 (82909) **5.00** All American Wrestling (7893) **6.00** The Simpsons (7763) **6.30** The Simpsons (8015) **7.00** Deep Space Nine (17183) **8.00** Murderers Among Us (37947) **10.00** Hill St Blues (16454) **11.00-12.00am** Entertainment Tonight (74015)

SKY NEWS

News on the hour.
6.00am Sunrise (44947) **8.30** Business Sunday (48541) **9.30** Frost on Sunday (51086) **11.30** Week in Review (90928) **12.30pm** The Book Show (60251) **1.30** Target (69522) **2.30** Week in Review (4676) **3.30** Roving Report (6893) **4.30** *Financial Times* Reports (4812) **5.00** Live at Five (8763) **6.30** Week in Review (6657) **7.30** The Book Show (5541) **9.30** Target (80015) **10.30** Roving Report (69034) **11.30** CBS Weekend News (54763) **12.30am** Week in Review (43394) **1.30** The Book Show (51023) **2.30** Target (22597) **3.30** *FT* Reports (19077) **4.30** Roving Report (35597) **5.30-6.00am** CBS Evening News (72394)

SKY MOVIES

8.00am Showcase (94638)
8.00 Run Wild, Run Free (1969): Children's tale of a mute boy befriending a white colt on Dartmoor (59218)
10.00 Infidelity (1987) A yuppie couple face the dissolution of their marriage after the death of their baby. With Kirstie Alley and Lee Horsley (73725)
12.00 The In-crowd (1988) Musical comedy set in the 1960s. With Donovan Leitch and Jennifer Runyon (32541)
2.00pm My Blue Heaven (1990) Steve Martin stars in a Mafia comedy. With Rick Moranis (30034)
4.00 To My Daughter (1991): Drama about a mother forced to come to terms with the death of her eldest child. With Rue McClanahan and Michele Greene (2725)
6.00 Delirious (1991) Comedy set in the world of soaps, with John Candy (10270)
8.00 Dogfight (1992) River Phoenix stars in *a story of young marines on shore leave* (17893)
9.30 Xposure (77541)
10.00 Tales From The Darkside: The Movie (1990) Three horror yarns. *Lot 249* with Christian Slater, *Cat from Hell* with David Johansen and *Lover's Vow* with James Remar (659560)
11.35 The Indian Runner (1991) Sean Penn makes his directorial debut with a drama set in the late 1960s. Two brothers, David Morse and Viggo Mortensen, clash over their differing lifestyles (23549454)
1.45am Vietnam War Story: The Last Days (1990): Trilogy based on real events in the Vietnam War. *The Last Outpost, The Last Soldier and Dirty Work.* With Haing S Ngor and Doan Chau Mau (23682752)
3.50 Nothing But Trouble (1991): Comedy with Chevy Chase and Demi Moore as a couple on a nightmare holiday where they encounter a monstrous judge. *Dan Aykroyd* (8279023) Ends at **5.20am**

SKY MOVIES GOLD

4.00pm Slightly Scarlet (1956 b/w) Romance about a mayor's secretary who falls in love with a criminal. With Arlene Dahl and John Payne (6725)
6.00 The Blue Bird (1976) Remake of the 1940 fairytale fantasy. Todd Lookinland and Patsy Kensit play the children of a poor woodcutter (64760)
8.00 Here We Go Round The Mulberry Bush (1967): Sixties sex comedy with Barry Evans and Judy Geeson (13305)
10.00 Georgy Girl (1966) An office-worker is subjected to the unwanted advances of her employer. James Mason. With Lynn Redgrave and Charlotte Rampling (833560). *Ends at 11.35*

THE MOVIE CHANNEL

6.00am The Black Sleep (1956): A Victorian surgeon creates monsters which turn on him. With Basil Rathbone (85960)
8.00 The Man Inside (1990). Jurgen Prochnow as a journalist who infiltrates a muck-raking German newspaper in order to discredit it. Co-starring Peter Coyote (40560)
10.00 The Glory Guys (1965): Sam Peckinpah western about a conflict in the American cavalry over how to treat the Indian population. (71367)
12.00 Last Time I Saw Archie (1961) Comedy about a conman who finds himself in an army and air force base populated by elderly pilots. With Robert Mitchum (30183)
2.00pm Brother Future (1992) Time travel adventure about a boy who journeys back to the year 1822 in South Carolina. With Phil Lewis (38676)
4.00 Sweet Revenge (1990) Romantic comedy about a divorcee who hires a young woman to seduce and marry her former husband. With Carrie Fisher, Rosanna Arquette and John Sessions (2657)
6.00 And You Thought Your Parents Were Weird (1992): Family comedy about a robot who is possessed by the spirit of the father of the boys who created it. With Marcia Strassman and Joshua Miller (18812)
8.00 My Girl (1991): The pleasures and pains of growing up as seen through the eyes of a tomboy. With Dan Akyroyd, Jamie Lee Curtis and Macaulay Culkin (20657)
10.00 Thelma and Louise (1991): Road movie in which two women travel across the American desert. With Susan Sarandon and Geena Davis. Directed by Ridley Scott (20839367)
12.15am Judgment (1990). Drama about a couple who suspect that their son is being abused by the local priest. With Keith Carradine and Blythe Danner (751058)
1.50 The Lookalike (1990). A young mother spots a girl who resembles her dead daughter. With Melissa Gilbert-Brinkman (569690)
3.25 Rainbow Drive (1990) Thriller with Peter Weller as a homicide chief investigating a cover-up (325801) Ends at **5.00am**

SKY SPORTS

7.00am Prime Bodies (29639) **7.30** Fishing The West (17744) **8.00** Gillette World Sports Special (97562 **8.30** Redline — International Motorsport (45473) **9.30** Watersports World (30283) **10.30** Superbikes Grand Prix (92003) **12.00** Goals on Sunday (76560) **1.30pm** The Boss (51102) **2.00** Super Sunday — Preview Show (63386) **4.00** Super *Sunday — Live (9657)* **6.00** *Super Sunday —* Talkback (37522) **7.00** The Big League (18473) **9.00** US Open Tennis — Live (661541) **12.00** Superbikes Grand Prix (16313) **1.00-3.00am** Super Sunday (95435)

EUROSPORT

7.30am Aerobics (79152) **8.00** Truck Racing (33218) **8.30** Equestrian European Three Day Event (30541) **9.30** Italian Grand Prix (43183) *10.00 Golf The European Open* (63947) **12.00** Decathalon (78608) **1.30pm** Italian Grand Prix (46270) **2.00** Italian Grand Prix (58454) **4.00** Golf The European Open (42305) **5.00** Equestrian Events (4589) **6.00** Indycar (78218) **8.00** American Grand Prix (185657) **8.45** German Touringcar Championship (148657) **9.15** American Grand Prix (942725) **10.00** German Touringcar Championship (37034) **10.30** American Grand Prix (51034) **11.30-12.30** Italian Grand Prix (65893)

UK GOLD

7.00am Jem (8677305) **7.30** The All-New Popeye Show (8656812) **8.00** The Lotus Eaters (8423763) **9.00** To Serve Them All My Days (1899218) **11.00** Dr Who And The Sontaran Experiment (8665560) **12.00** Survivors (2083638) **1.00pm** Film, Anne Of Windy *Poplars (1940). Anne Shirley plays an* ambitious young teacher (8400909) **2.30** Sorry! (8977218 **3.00** The Bill Omnibus (1119183) **5.30** Oliver Twist (8971034) **6.00** Lifestyles Of The Rich And Famous (2072522) **7.00** Top Of The Pops (5225560) **7.30** Sorry! (8958183) **8.00** Shadows Of The Heart (3786102) **10.00** Film. Manhunter (1986). Pre *Silence of the Lambs* thriller with Brian Cox as serial killer, Hannibal Lecter (5211706) **12.00** *Rory Bremner* (8489416) **12.30** Life Without George (8174232) **1.00-2.00** In Concert (1848313)

THE CHILDREN'S CHANNEL

6.00am The Best of Jack in the Box (26569) **7.00** Clay Animation Specials (62893) **7.30** Captain Ric's Cartoon Cosmos (81928) **8.00** Babar (40522) **8.30** Rotkan II (49893) **9.00** T-Rex (63473) **9.30** Little Smarties (90015) **10.00** Heidi (64763) **10.30** Piggsburg Pigs (69657) **11.00** Widabout (80589) **11.30** Worzel Gummidge Down Under (81218) **12.00** Captain America (50909) **12.30pm** Ironman (94631) **1.00** Prince Valiant (61164) **1.30** The Dreamstone (93102) **2.00** Worzel Down Under (9676) **2.30** Ghostbusters (8676) **3.00** Chicken Minute (8183) **3.30** Mr Majeika (7913) **4.00-5.00pm** Ralph S Mouse (64541)

NICKELODEON

7.00am Eureeka's Castle (96251) **7.30** The World Of David The Gnome (15386) **8.00** Wisdom Of The Gnomes (97544) **8.30** Junosch's Dreamhour (38763) **9.00** We All Have Tales (29015) **9.30** Weinerville (30265) **10.30** Kids Court (25299) **11.00** Nickelodeon's Wild Side Show (31299) **11.30** Salute Your Shorts (32928) **12.00** Hey Dude (47021) **12.30pm** Welcome Freshmen *(50473)* **1.00** *Special Delivery (86386)* **3.00** Weinerville (36744) **4.00** Out Of Control (7928) **4.30** Salute Your Shorts (6812) **5.00** Nickelodeon GUTS (8928) **5.30** Get The Picture (7164) **6.00** Kids Court (7305) **6.30-7.00** Are You Afraid Of The Dark? (6657)

DISCOVERY

4.00pm Guitarra (8959612) **4.30** Mansion — Great Houses Of Europe (8955096) **5.00** Man On The Rim (5222473) **6.00** Nova (2070164) **7.00** Wildside (3764980) **8.00** Submarines, Silent Armageddon (3780928) **9.00** Submarines. Nuclear Families (3780164) **10.00** Submarines, Wolf of the Sea (3763251) **11.00-12.00am** Submarines. Submariners (8651367)

BRAVO

12.00 The Big Valley (2001034) **1.00** Dan August (2087454) **2.00** Edgar Wallace (1875638) **3.00** Strange Paradise (5235947) **3.30** Saber Of London (8967831) **4.00** Film. Mister Ten Per Cent (1967) A ruthless promoter stages an amateur play. With Charlie Drake (8183980) **5.30** Film. Anchors Aweigh (1943): Musical with Gene Kelly and Frank Sinatra (72409928) **8.00** Film: Some Came Running (1959): Frank Sinatra plays a writer returning from the war (1006218) **10.20** Film. The Brain Machine (1955) A psychiatrist discovers his patient is a psychopath (34542454) **11.45-12.00am** Art Linkletter And The Kids (9066831)

UK LIVING

7.00am Living Daylights (8019270) **8.00** Fame, Fortune and Romance (1167522) **8.30** Living Daylights (1166893) **9.00** The Full Treatment (1180473) **9.30** What's Up Dr Ruth (7710522) **10.00** The Best of Anne and Nick (7730386) **12.00** Practical Living (23361034) **12.15pm** Best of Kilroy (9529299) **1.00** Crosswits (4767386) **1.30** Infatuation (7720909) **2.00** Floyd on Food (7541980) **2.30** Divorce Court (9973396) **3.00** Movie. Queen of the Road (4265583) **5.00** The Best of Anne and Nick (1181102) **7.00** Family Affairs (7552096) **7.30** The Young And The Restless (8263251) **10.30** *Movie. Dinner at Eight (1990). A soiree goes* wrong. With Lauren Bacall (5145909) **12.30-1.00am** You're on the Air, with Dr Ruth (1790771)

FAMILY CHANNEL

5.00pm Zorro (1788) **5.30** Black Stallion (9164) **6.00** African Skies (9305) **6.30** Bordertown (9137) **7.00** Seaworld Special (14265) **8.00** Film. Nowhere To Run (1978): A man tries to shake off his wife and the detective she has hired. With David Janssen (16639) **9.30** Critical List (35734) **11.00** Eisenhower & Lutz (65270) **11.30** FM (60947) **12.00-1.00am** Lou Grant (56955)

MTV

7.00am MTV Goes Deutsch Weekend (300893) **9.30** MTV News — Weekend Edition (92473) **10.00** The Big Picture (33893) **10.30** MTV's Braun European Top 20 (80928) **12.30pm** MTV's First Look (83819) **1.00** MTV Sports (63522) **1.30** The Real World (23034) **2.30** MTV Goes Deutsch Weekend (419980) **5.00** The Pulse (2386) **5.30** MTV News — Weekend Edition (1522) **6.00** MTV's Us Top 20 Video Countdown (83164) **8.00** 120 Minutes (95909) **10.00** MTV's Beavis & Butthead (53096) **10.30** Headbangers' Ball (545744) **1.00am** Vj Marijne Van Der Vlugt (28400) **2.00-6.00** Night Videos (8755752)

TV ASIA

6.00am Asian Morning (5281544) **9.30** Serial — Dashi (31541) **10.30** Kiddie Time (13657) **11.30** Weekend News Round Up (78744) **12.00** Worldline (70703) **12.30pm** Serial — Dekh Bhai Dekh (86657) **1.00-4.00** Hindi *Movie — Bemisaal (195183)* **7.00** *Asras Top* Ten (66473) **8.00** English News Bulletin (563541) **8.15** Serial — Kashkool (454299) **9.00** Movie World Premiere (669183) **12.05am** Five Past Midnight (6562684) **1.00** Hindi Movie — Dastaan (b/w). With Amitabh Bachchan, Raakhee and Vinod Mehra (2295416) **4.00** Face To Face (39684) **5.00** Serial — Kabir (96503) **5.30-6.00am** Music (74752)

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DAVID FLUSFEDER PREVIEWS THE BEST OF THE COMING WEEK'S TELEVISION

Republics and catwalk queens



It's the *Last Night of the Proms* tonight (dreary for some, exhilarating for others), but the musical highlight of the week is Prokofiev's opera *The Fiery Angel*, live from St Petersburg (see Music). Other highlights include documentaries on the future of Australia, educational difficulties in Battersea, and a worried-looking Alan Whicker with Joan Collins and Ivana Trump at "Miss World '92". *KYTV* returns, and the greatest film ever, *Billy Liar*, is on tomorrow (see Best Films).

Assignment Special: The Republic of Oz
Monday, BBC2, 7.40-8.30pm
In the slightly demeaning caricatures the British tend to have of Australians, Bob Hawke is famous as the prime minister who cried, and his replacement, Paul Keating, not content with resting a brawny antipodean hand in the small of the Queen's back, is trying to knock her out of Australia's future.

Hawke presents this fascinating (and dry-eyed) account of a country trying to work out its identity. A hundred years ago, six ill-assorted states became a federation. Now a committee is about to make its report on the whys and hows of becoming a republic.

Hawke potters about purposefully, chats with Keating (and looks at him as if he is working out a nasty revenge for helping to unseat him) and other republicans, as well as with some devout royalists.

The royalists are more colourful: there's the ex-serviceman Bruce Ruxton, with a dangerous-looking macaw on his arm, who sternly says that the royalty will survive in Australia because it has survived everything: "Even syphilis, if you don't mind."

The head of the government committee is Malcolm Turnbull, who found fame as the *Spycatcher* lawyer who successfully bullied economically truthful representatives of the Crown. Turnbull is elegantly grave (he talks of "a largely European settler nation adjusting itself to its geographical reality") and is clearly a potential future Australian prime minister — or president.

Brookside
Monday and Wednesday, Channel 4, 8-8.30pm; Friday, Channel 4, 8.30-9pm.
"No long faces in this house, not when a wedding is around the corner," Frank says, gamely trying to ignore the first rule of life in a soap opera: that nothing goes right when a wedding is around the corner. *Brookside* being *Brookside*, the trouble is because of An Issue — the problems of second marriages when children reject their new step-parents.

The Liverpool soap is eternally torn between building up excellent characters and gripping emotional wars and sacrificing them on the righteous altar of social awareness. It's soap opera with a sledgehammer. The issues next week range from dating after a mastectomy to sexual harassment at work, to middle-class drug abuse to illegal immigration, to neighbourhood vigilantes. But its saving grace is the presence of Barry Grant, the charmingly amoral, but sentimental, soul of the show.

Midnight Underground
Monday, Channel 4, 12.15-1.30am
Forget about the earnest Open University-type television presentation. Channel 4 is doing a good service showing highlights of underground cinema in all its grandeur, excitement and silliness.

This week's opening episode went for kitsch mysticism; next week it's music time, with Kenneth Anger's stunning *Eaux d'Artifice*, which is Vivaldi's *Four Seasons* adorned with Italian fountains (with a masked woman on her way to some mysterious carnival ball for human interest), Chris Connor's very funny rock video (black and white montages of medical demonstrations) for Devo's *Mongoloid*, and Anger again with the homo-erotic pop kitsch of *Scorpio Rising*.

Whicker's Miss World
Tuesday, ITV, 10.40-11.40pm
This is a very odd programme as Alan Whicker rather tiredly tries to pretend that he's enjoying his task as one of the judges for the 1992 Miss World. He shows us the South African scenery; he reveals his political correctness by dropping in a question every now and then about political correctness; he dutifully accepts all the PR guff from Eric and Julia Morley on the glorious history of the beauty queen carnival, and gives Richard Branson an apparently free ad for Virgin Airline's tourist route to South Africa. But the stars of the show are two of the other judges, Joan Collins and Ivana Trump.

Collins is delightfully bitchy. She and Whicker sit next to each other by the catwalk, acting like naughty schoolgirls giggling over their catty remarks. "The young girls," Joan whispers, "they've got the worst arses I've ever seen."

And then there's the surreal Ivana Trump experience, with the plastic-pretty face, the blonde fluff of hair, and the pink textile weirdness she wears as clothes. Mrs Trump seems to pride herself on her intelligence, not, though, her ability at English: "Believe me — if I would have a rotten plastic surgeon if I would keep my scar on my nose," she says rather grandly.

Her stern interrogation of the contestants is most bizarre. She asks each one: "What are your five-year goals?" in a peculiarly old-fashioned, if charming, Marxist-Leninist way. (Most of them politely reply: "Pardon?" At which she shakes her head sadly and congratulates herself on her ideological victory.)

The contestants seem fairly indistinguishable, apart from Miss UK, who is very sweet and has her mother with her (Mrs UK sobs a lot and keeps saying how proud she is).

The main action is with the judges and the celebrity crew. At one point, everyone is panicking: Collins is in a bit of a state because her make-up's not right; Jerry Hall wants some jokes in her lines (and makes the mistake of calling up Eric Idle, who offers her something very cheesy); Billy Dee Williams is having trouble reading his lines; and Mrs Trump is worried about terrorists (and not particularly relieved at Sidney Sheldon's shrug that he supposes she should dive under the table if the mythical terrorists arrive: the problem is, I suppose, she would break).



Worldly Whicker with "surreal" Ivana Trump and "bitchy" Joan Collins (*Tuesday, ITV*)

Inside Story: The New Principal
Wednesday, BBC1, 9.30-10.20pm
The new principal is a hard man from the north, with a skeletal face and a zealot's blue eyes, who rides his attaché case into Battersea, south-west London, to turn a comprehensive school noted for truancy and bad exam results into a "centre of excellence".

There is a lot of bureaucracy to go through — and this documentary, which follows the first year of the new principality, is particularly good on the endless committee meetings and staff meetings and governors' meetings (at which there is one mysterious, silent individual wearing an occult necklace and a white ponytail and beard).

But the main way to become a centre of excellence is, it seems, to call it so, and change a few other names as well. So, the school becomes a technology college, the pupils become students, the department heads become a directorate.

At the end of the first year, the promised resources have yet to arrive, the exam results are slightly up, and so is the truancy rate.

The principal is fond of saying things in Japanese and then sternly translating them, as if he's disappointed that he's the only Zen businessman in the house.

At the beginning of the year, he declares that being 18 from the bottom of the national exam results table is "an interesting start point — we can only get better". At the end of the year, he doesn't seem so sure of himself any more.

It all makes for enjoyably excruciating viewing, while it's hard to know what the school itself thought it would get out of its scars being picked at on television.

Timewatch: True Story of the Roman Arena
Wednesday, BBC2, 8-8.50pm
It's always fascinating to hear what those clever, nasty Romans got up to. *Timewatch* does its tabloidy best to present this programme as a lurid exclusive. The trouble is, there aren't that many new things to learn about what went on in the Roman amphitheatres — the "deep blood of savage passion" was documented quite well at the time.

But *Timewatch* goes in for some nifty computer graphics, showing exactly how the ruined Colosseum would have looked at the time. It gathers some happily excitable historians to talk us through the blood and gore and make a few specious modern parallels about the addictive nature of violence. And, best of all, it gives us a good selection of contemporary accounts.

It becomes clear that the history of the Roman arena is emblematic of the history of the Roman Empire. From the early days, when a rich man's funeral would become a neat vote-catching excuse for some bloody graveside entertainment ("a bit of murder at the end got them more spectators", points out one of the historians in the show), to the time of purpose-built arenas to display exotic beasts trawled from the furthest points of the Roman dominions — and after the display, of course, came the deaths. Animals and then condemned men, and then the gladiators.

As the Empire spun wildly into decadence the entertainments became bloodier and more imaginatively cruel. And even when those nice Christian emperors came along, the bloody extravaganzas continued, for at least another 100 years.

KYTV: The Making of David Chizzlenut
Friday, BBC2, 10-10.30pm
Written by and starring Angus Deayton and Geoffrey Perkins, *KYTV* pretends to be the satellite channel from hell. Next week's set piece is the making of the creakiest Dickensian costume drama — with swipes along the way at actors (American and British), at directors, at television types, at costume dramas . . . the list is endless.

The format allows for Deayton and Perkins to take hefty swipes at just about anything they want to (I particularly liked the trailer for the themed season of "Pullover Night", which climaxes with "Hit Gyles Brandreth at 11.30").

The show is very clever and (this doesn't always follow) very funny too.

TODAY
A Taste of Honey 1961 GB (BBC2, 12.05-1.50am)
TOMORROW
Scaramouche 1952, US (BBC1, 3-4.50pm)
Billy Liar 1963, GB (BBC2, 10.45pm-12.20am)
MONDAY
Meet Me Tonight 1952, GB (BBC2, 10.30-11.55am)
TUESDAY
The Blue Dahlia 1946, US (BBC2, 10.25am-12.05pm)
THURSDAY
Morning Glory 1933, US (BBC2, 9-10.10am)

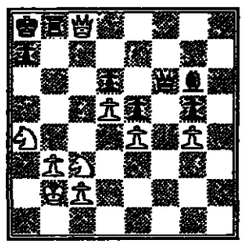
TODAY
The Times *World Chess Championship* (Ch4, 4pm and 8pm)
TOMORROW
Sunday Grandstand: Italian Grand Prix (BBC2, noon)
Football Italia (Ch4, 2.45pm)
MONDAY
American Football: (Ch4, 11pm)
WEDNESDAY
The European Match: Slovan Bratislava v Aston Villa (ITV, 2.30pm); Honved Budapest v Manchester United (ITV, 7pm)

TUESDAY
The Fiery Angel (BBC2, 7pm)

WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene

This position is a variation from the game Lasker - Steinitz, World Championship 1896. White has broken through on the queen's wing and the Black forces are a long way from the scene of the action. How does White win immediately?



Send your answers on a postcard with your name and address to: *The Times*, 1 Pennington Street, London E1 9XN. The first three correct answers drawn on Thursday will win a British Chess Magazine book. The answer and winners will be published on the following Saturday.

Solution to last Saturday's competition: 1 Qf6+. The winners are: P Pountney, Broughton, Kettering; J Bartley, Wistaston, Crewe; A E Aston, Selborne, Alton.

WORD-WATCHING

By Philip Howard

ARISTATE
a. An aristocracy
b. Rule by philosophers
c. Bearded

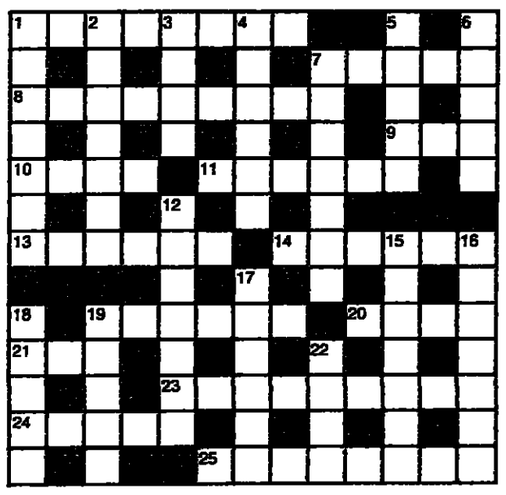
THURINGER
a. Summer sausage
b. An environmentalist
c. A landlord

FRUBBISH
a. French rubbish
b. To furbish by rubbing
c. Cosy

DROSSARD
a. A steward
b. A piece of neck armour
c. A gold divining rod

Answers on page 19

CONCISE CROSSWORD NO 3197



ACROSS
1 Leaves suddenly (5,3)
7 Schubert's Op 114 quintet (5)
8 Early biplane (5,4)
9 Look over (3)
10 Pile (4)
11 World repeater (6)
13 Repentant (6)
14 Emotional problem (4,2)
19 USSR council (6)
20 Wall pillar (4)
21 Very warm (3)
23 Copper patina (9)
24 Flinch (5)
25 Marriage offer (8)

DOWN
1 Onlooker (7)
2 Bags (7)
3 Kind (4)
4 Flowery (6)
5 Haystacks artist (5)
6 Hardness (5)
7 Rising air column (7)
12 Endure (7)
15 Thyroid gland swellings (7)
16 Sunshade (7)
17 More expensive (6)
18 Ostentatious (5)
19 Platform (5)
22 Feeble type (4)

SOLUTIONS TO NO 3196

ACROSS: 1 Romp home 5 Grow 9 Pyrexia 10 Hiker 11 Clog 12 Run down 14 Saving 16 Crafts 19 Worship 21 Buff 24 On ice 25 Recluse 26 Eats 27 Plankton

DOWN: 1 Rope 2 Moral 3 Hexagon 4 Meagre 6 Rake off 7 Wariness 8 Then 13 As a whole 15 Verdict 17 Rubicon 18 Spiral 20 Heel 22 Fruit 23 Bean

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After the deluge, a flood of home delights

Caitlin Moran abandons her woes and heads back to childhood



WOE. Wandering down pavements as the sun fell slanted and enchanted through the evening, my head was numb. I had relaxed into depression, and everything was, therefore, a horror and a misery. My feet hurt, my eyes were dry, my head was sore. I'd lost my passport. There was a pan full of burnt lard in the kitch sink. I would go home and would have to hang out the window for 20 minutes with the aerial clenched between my teeth before I could pick up *Newsnight*.

I still hadn't bought a shower curtain. Oh woe.

Got home, threw my shopping on top of all the unpaid bills in the "Ignore It And It Will Go Away" box, and tried to turn on the light. I had ignored the electricity company into disconnection and, to celebrate this Epiphany of the morose, the seal on the freezer had burst, allowing all the defrosted water to cascade through the kitchen floor and on to the bed below. The dog was sitting on the bed, busily sniffing defrosted frozen peas that had been roused in the deluge.

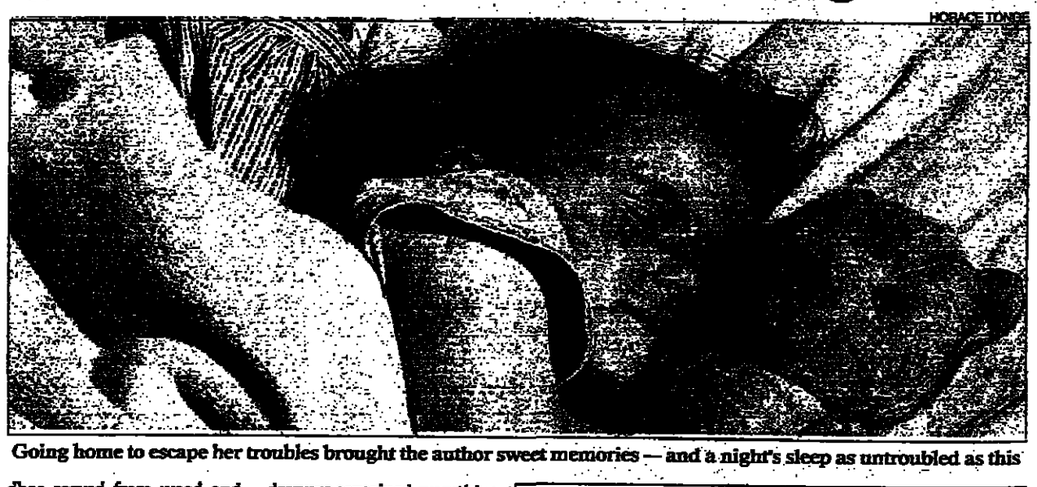
I decided that *now* would be the ideal time to see my mother and my father and all the siblings, and stay for tea.

My sister Nunu was eager to show me "a dead bird filled with magnets", which turned out to be a dead bird filled with maggots. The bird was jumping with them: it moved six inches under maggot power in under a minute. Throughout the day, the dead bird would be spotted in different parts of the garden — the first in Johnny's Conservation Corner (The Unknown Part of the Garden), the creation of which had made Johnny Lord of the Slugs overnight; he was now pondering a pile of bricks dumped in the corner, which, because of an unplanned invasion of dandelions and daisies, was now a rockery.

After being shown my siblings' full range of Dead Things (frog, another bird, a couple of stringy-looking worms and a rather magnificent mouse with half its head pulled off by the cat), we all took a stick and started sword play. Three direct whacks to the shin and a splintered knucklebone later, I realised I had *forgotten how to cheat*. I'd had to give up because, in London, adults cry if others cheat in games. Children just cheat back harder.

Leaving a couple of exhausted sibling bodies scattered around the garden, I went to wander around the house, and realised what a brilliant place it was to have been brought up in. Every available inch of wall space was covered in books — orange-spined Penguin classics, fluorescent children's books, the faded greens and oranges of cloth-bound obscurities found in jumble sales.

Everywhere heaved with words and colours: on top of each bookcase would be a tangle of dolls and quietly moulting teddy bears; gilt-gold boxes with the glass lids snapped off; china cups and jugs with painted-on flowers in royal blue and birds in poppy red; bronze buddhas and clay buddhas and buddhas carved from wood and inlaid with mother of pearl — 100,000 junk-shop secrets discovered and brought home, all heaped on top of the bookcase like a high tide had washed them up there and left them stranded.



Going home to escape her troubles brought the author sweet memories — and a night's sleep as untroubled as this

I remembered how, when I was little, the kitchen seemed to be the centre of the universe. *Anything* could be made there. My sister would be teaching herself chemistry in one corner, making crystals and powders and pills. My dad would be building *yet another* pine shelving unit in some parts of the room not yet covered, while around my busily kneading mother, three or four little currant-eyed toddlers would push some bug-eyed animal on wheels up and down the cold stone floor, waving at my mother, or pulling at her skirt with their starfish hands.

Occasionally one of them would eat a tin of shoe polish and we'd have to go to hospital. God, that was fun.

The kitchen cupboard and drawers contained *everything*: we'd be playing some game in the garden when things would grind to a halt and Johnny would run in to see mum.

"Mum, we need 6ft of really strong string and some cotton reels to make a kite."

"In the kitchen drawer."

"Mum, we need six bits of rubber, about this long, and four packets of pins to make a robot."

"In the kitchen drawer."

"Mum, we need about three ounces of weapons-grade plutonium and a small nuclear device to stop Jim sulking and get him to give us back our kite and our robot."

"Look in the kitchen drawer."

That evening, funded entirely by the contents of the kitchen drawer, and most of the perpetual stack of cardboard boxes in the hall, my brothers and sisters built me a house in the garden and, under my brother's Snoopy duvet, which smelt vaguely of peanut butter, I slept peacefully for the first time in weeks.

